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Divorce for the Yorks today

Duchess to lose HRH style under £2 million settlement

By ALAN HAMILTON AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Duke and Duchess of York will today be granted a "quickie" divorce to end their ten-year marriage, it was announced last night.

The couple's case will be heard in the Family Division of the High Court at Somerset House, London, this morning. A decree absolute is expected to dissolve the marriage finally by the end of May.

In a statement issued jointly through their solicitors the couple said that the decision to divorce was a personal one, and for the sake of their children, which both regarded as of paramount importance. No further statements would be made and no further information provided.

The statement added that the couple's two children, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, would continue to live with the Duchess, although both parents would participate fully in their upbringing. It also said that the Duchess would continue to be known as the Duchess of York but would drop the appellation Her Royal Highness bestowed on her by the Queen at the time of her marriage.

Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson married in the full glare of television coverage in Westminster Abbey in July 1986. They announced their separation in March 1992, and have since lived apart, although they have occasionally been seen together at events involving their children.

Downing Street last night said that the Prime Minister had been kept fully informed of the divorce plans. Officials said that there would be no further comment from John Major's office, as there were no constitutional implications. The Duke is fourth in line of succession to the throne, and his children fifth and sixth.

The announcement is understood to have been brought forward when it was learned that *The Daily Mail* was about to break the story. Palace officials said private-



Prince Andrew will take part in bringing up the children

ly that the Queen, who celebrates her 70th birthday on Sunday, had been anxious for some time that the failed marriages of her two elder sons should be brought to a quick and tidy conclusion but they stressed that the monarch had not written to the Duke and Duchess, as she had done to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and had not applied pressure on them in any other way. She had been kept fully informed and was saddened by the decision.

The Palace said that the Duke and Duchess remained close friends. They refused to discuss any financial arrangements accompanying the divorce, which they said were entirely a personal matter.

It emerged last night, however, that the Duchess is expected to receive a relatively modest settlement of £2 million, primarily intended to care for the couple's two children. Of the total, £1.4 million is to be invested in a trust for the children, leaving little more than £500,000 for the Duchess to maintain her lifestyle and to wrestle with

her debts. The deal is said to have been worked out at the time of the separation.

When the announcement was made yesterday the Duchess, aged 36, was in the middle of a week's skiing holiday with her children, Beatrice, 7, and Eugenie, 6, in Verbier, Switzerland. The Duke, who is 36 and a full-time Royal Navy officer, was at Buckingham Palace. They were last seen in public together ten days ago when they left their home at Sunninghill, near Windsor Castle, to help round up polo ponies which had escaped during a fire.

Although the decision to divorce is officially said to have been taken jointly, the indications are that the prime mover was the Duchess. It is known that she has favoured such a step for some time, while the Duke has been reluctant to take the initiative, hoping that some reconciliation might be possible. The sudden move is seen as a bold and decisive step by the Duchess to cut her losses, given recent adverse publicity over her debts, said to be £3

million, and a climate of adverse publicity.

Later this week the Duke is to part part in a lengthy naval exercise. The Duchess is scheduled to make her next public appearance in Leeds next week, at the launch of a drugs education programme.

Last night Dr David Hope, Archbishop of York, said he was praying for the couple. "I am aware that such decisions are never made easily or without careful consideration," Lord St John of Fawsley said. "I hope that stories about the Yorks will disappear from the headlines now, but my hopes are greater than my expectations."

The statement issued on behalf of the Duke and Duchess said: "The Duke and Duchess of York today announced through their respective solicitors, Henry Boyd-Carpenter of Messrs Farrer & Co and Douglas Alesiou of Messrs Gordon Dadds, that they have agreed, after more than two years' separation, that their marriage should formally be ended. Accordingly the necessary legal proceedings are under way and it is anticipated that the Decree Absolute will be made at the end of May.

"The decision by the Duke and Duchess is a personal one, and theirs alone. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of York has chosen not to use the style 'Her Royal Highness' and will continue to be The Duchess of York.

"At the express wish of The Duke and Duchess and in the interests of their children, which they regard as of paramount importance, no further statement will be made or information provided. Consistent with the statement made by the Buckingham Palace Press Office on 28 June 1993 the children will continue to live with The Duchess, and both parents will participate fully in their upbringing."

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The Duchess with Princesses Beatrice (left) and Eugenie are on a skiing holiday in Verbier, Switzerland

One minute to end a marriage

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York will effectively end today without pomp or ceremony at the divorce registry in London.

The petition, lodged by the Duke, is the last in a list of 29 "quickie" divorce matters to be rubber-stamped by the Senior District judge, Gerald Angel, in Court One at Somerset House.

The grounds cited for the divorce — a fast-track procedure which will be scrapped by the Government's current divorce reforms — is that he and the Duchess have lived apart for two years. If either

had not consented to the divorce, then they would have had to wait five years.

The hearing, scheduled for 10.30, is likely to last less than a minute, even though lawyers can be present. The names of all the parties on the list will be read and, barring any objections, decrees nisi will be granted "en bloc". Within six weeks the final decree, or decree absolute, will follow in the post. Both are then free to remarry.

Because all the paperwork has been signed and sealed behind the scenes, the marriage will end, along with the

others ranging alphabetically from Mr and Mrs Agyapong to Mr and Mrs Sacker, with a minimum of ceremony.

The days in which couples appeared in court amid public recriminations were effectively ended when the "quickie" procedure was introduced more than 20 years ago.

Under the Government's reforms, couples will have to wait at least one year before they can divorce and they will have had to reach agreement on children and finances, which is often not the case at present, before being granted what will be a divorce order.



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Ministers launch BSE court battle with Brussels

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government put itself in conflict with Brussels again yesterday as it announced a legal challenge to the European Union's worldwide ban on the export of British beef and a £1 billion package of measures to help the industry.

It confirmed compensation for the destruction of up to a million older cattle a year to prevent their coming into the food chain and said that it was looking at the selective slaughter of animals considered most at risk from "mad cow" disease.

But it ruled out the mass slaughter of herds as it strives to eradicate BSE and restore consumer confidence.

Heralding the most serious court confrontation yet between Brussels and London, John Major told MPs that action would be taken in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg to end "this totally unjustified ban".

At the same time, he wrote to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, President Chirac of France, Lamberto Dini, the Italian Prime Minister, and Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, re-

newing his demand for the ban to be lifted as soon as possible.

The Cabinet decided to launch the court challenge yesterday against the background of increasing evidence, particularly in the Staffordshire South East by-election, that its handling of the crisis has further damaged its standing with the public.

Ministers favouring a challenge, notably Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Tony Newton, the Commons leader, had been strengthened in their

case by the recent admissions by Franz Fischler, the EU Agriculture Commissioner, and Mr Santer that they were happy to eat British beef. The move comes as British beef consumption has returned to about 85 per cent of pre-crisis levels.

The ban is being contested on the ground that it goes against scientific evidence. Mr Major told cheering Conservative MPs: "The export ban on British beef imposed by the Community is more motivated by the interests of other countries' own beef markets than it is about public health."

Under the compensation package announced later by Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, farmers will receive about £500 an animal for the destruction of cattle slaughtered at the age of 30 months or more. The scheme, 70 per cent funded by the EU, will cost about £550 million and come into effect on April 29. The Government will pay for slaughter and destruction.

He also announced, among other measures, a top-up scheme worth about £80 million to compensate farmers with older beef cattle whose market value is above £500

and a £110 million scheme to help the slaughtering industry which has unsold meat worth £132 million, threatening widespread company failures unless action is taken.

The minister also promised urgent work on a scheme to exempt specialist, BSE-free beef herds from the 30-month rule. He said the case for exempting such animals, which often do not mature until after 30 months, was strong.

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The parents of Louise Jensen, the Danish tour guide who was killed in Cyprus by three drunken British riflemen, have protested to the Prime Minister over the Army's failure to offer them compensation or an apology. Page 6

Secret base

Russia has secretly built a vast underground military complex in the southern Ural Mountains, the Clinton Administration said. The complex covers an area the size of Washington and is served by its own railway. Page 13

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£1.4m for girls as mother tries to balance the books

By Emma Wilkins

THE royal divorce will ease the Duchess of York's financial crisis, which stems from her inability to restrain her lifestyle. A £2 million settlement, negotiated on the separation four years ago, is likely to form part of the divorce package, but the Duchess's debts of some £3 million will not be met by the Queen.

The Royal Family's main concern is to secure the financial future of Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie by placing money in trust, primarily for their education: £1.4 million is to be placed in trust for the princesses, from which £600,000 has been earmarked for a house they will eventually own. The Duchess will receive about £500,000 and the rest will be invested to provide a cash income to look after the young princesses.

Palace officials made it clear yesterday that the Duchess's personal finances were her own affair. Despite her best efforts to make a fortune from her children's books, the Duchess's fundamental problem is that her spending continues to far exceed her income. A love of expensive foreign holidays is matched only by excessive domestic costs: the wages bill for a



Kingsbourne: the home rented for £72,000 a year

string of servants at the Duchess's rented home, Kingsbourne, in Wentworth, Surrey, is some £32,000 a month while the eight-bedroom house itself costs £72,000 a year to rent.

Sunninghill Park, the Berkshire mansion which the Queen built for the couple as a wedding present, is occupied occasionally by the Duke. The Duchess and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie are regular weekend visitors. The Queen's

displeasure at the Duchess's reckless attitude to money was made clear earlier this year when Buckingham Palace took the unusual step of announcing that the Queen was no longer prepared financially to support her wayward daughter-in-law.

The Duchess's ability to shop is legendary. On a recent trip to New York, she is said to have spent £3,000 on 20 pairs of shoes during a half hour shopping spree. Only the best

hotels in the smartest resorts will do for the Duchess, who flies on Concorde and buys first-class seats for her entourage. She is the only member of the royal family voluntarily to pay the full fare: others expect to be upgraded from Business Class. When the Duchess stays in New York, it is always at the Carlyle Hotel, where suites cost up to £1,000 a night.

An appearance in last month's *Hello!* magazine, which shot a series of photographs in Paris, may have earned a few thousand pounds but was widely criticised as cashing in on her status. She hoped to make a fortune from her *Budgie the Little Helicopter* books. A recent deal with a New York publisher to exploit two new children's characters (one is a globe-trotting little princess) has yet to bear financial fruit.

Similarly, a deal with Ray Chambers, a New Jersey millionaire, is yet to prove the financial cure-all which the Duchess hoped for. It has been forecast that Sleepy Kids, the company which owns the worldwide TV and merchandising rights for *Budgie*, would earn about £800,000 in the United States this year. The Duchess is unlikely to receive more than 20 per cent — a yearly income of £160,000 at the most.

The Duke, whose civil list payment of £249,000 is refunded to the Treasury by the Queen, earns £30,544 as a Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Navy. Up to 80 per cent of his civil list income goes on staff costs, but he has been making a handsome financial contribution to his daughters.

The Duchess is negotiating with Tri Star pictures for an option on her story *Heather Blazie*, about the adventures of two mares with parallel but different lives.

There is talk of a Hollywood film on the life of the young Queen Victoria, based on two historical works written by the Duchess.

CHRONOLOGY

March 1986: engagement of Prince Andrew to Sarah Ferguson, daughter of the Prince of Wales's polo manager.

July 1986: wedding; Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson, both 26, become the Duke and Duchess of York.

October 1986: First reports of marriage strain due to Duke's absences from home on a helicopter instructor's course.

August 1988: Daughter Beatrice born.

March 1990: Daughter Eugenie born.

May 1990: Tezian oilman Steve Wyatt files Duchess and Beatrice to Morocco for a holiday.

January 1992: Discovery of intimate photographs of Duchess and Mr Wyatt in Morocco.

March 1992: Palace announces official separation.

May 1992: Duchess moves out of Sunninghill Park to six-bedroom house in Wentworth estate in Surrey.

August 20, 1992: Britain scandalised by Italian paparazzo's photographs of John Bryan kissing the

topless Duchess's toes.

March 1993: Duchess tells *Harpers and Queen*: "I want out of the whole thing so I can get on with my life and stop being blamed for everything."

December 1994: Possibility of divorce raised by the Duchess at charity party.

December 13, 1994: she admits to taking Aids tests.

January 1996: Reports that the Duchess owes £1.1 million. The Queen says that she will not bail her out.

Duchess seals a American publishing deal.

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The exuberant Duchess has been unable to shake off criticism of her love of shopping and expensive holidays

Falklands veteran who has tried to keep his head down

By Carol Midgley

WHILE his wife has loomed ever larger in tabloid headlines, the Duke of York has had a low profile since their official separation in 1992.

The Queen's favourite son, once one of the most extrovert and photogenic of the royals, who fought for his country in the Falklands War, now cuts a solitary figure whose life revolves around his two daughters, his Royal Navy career and golf.

His weeks are split between his base, HMS Osprey on Portland, Dorset, where he is a senior pilot, his former marital home at Sunninghill, near Windsor, and a variety of golf courses.

Although he still carries out royal engagements, they are relatively few and rarely high profile. He has followed advice from Buckingham Palace advisers to keep his head below the parapet, maintaining his dignity in trying circumstances for the sake of his children.

The Duke has never made any secret of his enduring affection for his wife and is known to have made several attempts at reconciliation. Only last month it was reported that he had offered to abandon his naval career in a last effort to save his marriage, a move said to alarm the Queen. The offer was declined and it is reported that he then reluctantly agreed to a divorce.

Today, two months after his 36th birthday, royal commentators say he leads a somewhat "sad and directionless life".

The man who before his marriage was an exuberant bachelor prince linked with a string of glamorous women including the actresses Koo Stark and Katie Rabett, now

prefers to spend many of his evenings alone watching videos. According to friends, he enjoys thrillers, special effects and action movies, of which his favourite is *Top Gun*.

A tendency to compensate for his apparent loneliness by eating junk food has led to an expanding waistline and a weight of about 15 stone.

Stimmer magazine recently named him their "Top Tubby" and newspaper headline writers have long labelled him the Duke of Pork.

As the senior pilot of the Fleet Air Arm's 815 Squadron based at HMS Osprey, the only squadron in the Navy which operates the Lynx helicopter, the Duke is in day-to-day charge, leading the squadron in the rank of lieutenant commander.

In the past he confessed to

feelings of isolation while serving at sea: "As a commanding officer you can on occasions get extremely lonely and isolated if you're not careful," he said, comparing mine-hunting to watching paint dry. Since his marriage failed, the Duke has been seen with several women, including the model Catrina Skepper and Lord Braybrooke's daughter Caroline Neville.

Asked at the age of 22 why his photographs often dealt with loneliness he said: "I'm not lonely, I'm a recluse. I just try to keep out of people's way."

Of all the Queen's children, and from an early age, he gained the reputation of being the most adventurous and individualistic.

He was billed the *Playboy*

Prince, the square-jawed helicopter pilot who fought with distinction in the Falklands, and came home with a red rose between his teeth.

But he had also gained a reputation for being spoilt and prone to arrogance. Used to getting his own way, he was known to have insisted that even his closest friends called him "Sir".

The Prince's education began at the age of four with a group of children under a Palace governess. At eight he went to Heatherdown Preparatory School near Ascot, Berkshire. At 13 he followed the Prince of Wales to Gordonstoun School in Moray, Scotland, also spending two terms at a Canadian school in Ontario.

It was at Gordonstoun that he acquired the reputation of playing the "Great I Am" but, like his brothers before and after him, was not deemed up to the job of head boy. He was more keen for his sporting and theatrical activities than for his academic prowess, although he left with three A levels in 1979.

He had made his first solo flight as a glider pilot in 1976 and decided to follow his father and brother into the Royal Navy, choosing a 12-year short-career commission, which has since extended, as a helicopter pilot.

His career in the Navy got off to an inauspicious start.

In the mess one evening he grandly informed a rear admiral: "You can call me Andy."

"And you can call me Sir," was the reply.

By 1982 he was on board *HMS Invincible* bound for the Falklands. He was to see active service as a second pilot of a Sea King helicopter on anti-submarine and transport duties.



The Duke of York early on in his helicopter-flying career with the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm

Couple's legal teams line up from opposite sides of social spectrum

By Frances Gibb and Stephen Farrel

THE statement announcing the end of the Duke and Duchess of York's marriage was issued yesterday by two leading divorce lawyers who now act for the couple. They come from starkly contrasting backgrounds and to some extent each reflects his client.

Henry Boyd-Carpenter, the Queen's solicitor who is acting for the Duke, is of the old-world, strictly correct and courteous school and very much of the Establishment.

He is a partner with Farrer & Co where he was the obvious choice to inherit the mantle when Sir Matthew, who was previously the Queen's lawyer, retired two years ago. Mr Boyd-Carpenter, 56, an old Carthusian who went to Balliol, is described by colleagues and other lawyers who have to deal with him as "delightful".

The Duchess, by contrast, has gone to Douglas Alexiou, highly rated as a divorce "heavyweight" and listed as

one of the "magic circle" of London's divorce lawyers. She picked Mr Alexiou after switching from Withers, the firm that acted for her at the time the separation was announced and who helped negotiate the settlement announced yesterday.

One source said: "It is a very fair deal. You have to remember that the Duke is a serving officer, he does not have vast sums of money. The whole thing was sorted out amicably and without problems."

The deal includes a financial settlement for the Duchess as well as arrangements governing the upbringing of the children, in which the couple are to share jointly.

Senior partner with the Mayfair law firm Gordon Dadds, Mr Alexiou, 53, is a former chairman of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. Charming but tough, he is likely to have struck a fair bargain for the Duchess, but without ruffling feathers.

He is known for his soothing bedside manner and his discretion — "I never discuss clients," he said yesterday. His style is nonetheless more abrasive than Mr Boyd-Carpenter's. His clients have included Sarah Brightman, the singer who was married to the then Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

In addition to being the Queen's solicitor, Henry Boyd-Carpenter takes his other Establishment duties seriously. He has maintained links with his old school as a director of Charterhouse Enterprises Ltd, is a director of the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture and a member of the council of the Chelsea Physic Garden.

Mr Alexiou is known to his friends and colleagues as Douglas, but was christened Dimitris Augustus Alexiou. He lives in an exclusive area of Kingston-upon-Thames, south-west London, on the borders of Richmond Park in a detached but discreet Victorian

House in a cul de sac. His house is just 15 miles from the Duchess of York's Berkshire residence.

His wife was equally discreet last night. "My husband's business is his business. That's that. End of conversation."

The divorce of the Duke and Duchess will have few religious implications until either couple decide to remarry. Although Church of England clergy are allowed under the law of the land to remarry a divorced person in church, under church rules marriage is for life as a divorced man or woman cannot remarry in church if their former partner is still living.

Because the Queen is supreme governor of the church, the church wedding of a senior royal could be a source of potential embarrassment. If either of them wished to remarry in church, the Duke and Duchess would be encouraged to go outside England, as did the Duke of York's elder sister, the Princess Royal, who remarried in Scotland.

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Duchess who made Palace see red



Alan Hamilton reports that the Queen has grown increasingly anxious for the Yorks and the Waleses to bring their messy affairs to neat and final conclusions

WHEN the Duke and Duchess of York announced their separation in March 1992, one of the kinder courtiers at Buckingham Palace privately described the former Sarah Ferguson as "sweet-natured but vulgar".

when they commissioned a large, purpose-built family house at Sunninghill, near Ascot, whose vulgar style immediately attracted to it the name *SouthYork* — an echo of the television soap *Dallas*.

Pity the Queen as she approaches her 70th birthday on Sunday. There must have been moments in the past three years when she felt that a life devoted to the consummate practice of constitutional monarchy was unravelling in her hands.

Her *Budgie the Helicopter* books attracted their share of disaster. She was accused of plagiarism when it was discovered that a remarkably similar series had been published in the 1960s.

The perception of the Royal Family as a model family may be an outdated concept dreamed up by Queen Victoria, ably supported by Walter Bagehot, that has had its day.

On their first overseas tour together, to Canada in 1987, the couple seemed gauche, he overweight and she clowning in awkward fashion.

When Sarah Ferguson breezed on to the royal scene in 1985, gaily throwing chocolate profiteroles at the object of her desire across a country-house dinner table.

Her endlessly energetic style, increasingly appeared not to suit her husband, tired when ashore from sea postings, or after a hard day's work at yet another demanding naval course.

Older heads tutted that Miss Ferguson had what is politely known as "a past", lived mainly in the fast lane with such partners as the racing driver Paddy McNally.

The Duke, meanwhile, became somewhat reclusive, spending long hours alone at Sunninghill while the Duchess moved into an expensive rented house.

Prince Andrew had an equally well-publicised past, which had involved a string of encounters with actresses and other defiantly non-royal partners. Loud and a touch buffoonish, they seemed well suited.

Even in recent months, the Duchess has seemed incapable of putting the brakes on her jet-setting lifestyle, despite a warning from the Queen that the monarch had no intention of bailing her out of her mounting debts.

What went wrong? Only the two parties involved in a marriage really know, but from the beginning it was clear that the Duchess of York fully intended to live her own life.

When the Duchess appeared on the royal scene, she was regarded as a close ally of the Princess of Wales; the two at first seemed to provide support for each other, outsiders at sea in the unfriendly royal ocean.

Eyebrows were raised in the first days of their marriage.

Who devoted herself almost full-time to jetting around the world on exotic holidays and running up huge bills, was secretly photographed at a villa in the south of France



The Yorks' wedding had a worldwide audience but it ran into trouble early on, the Duke preferring a quiet life as the Duchess enjoyed the social whirl

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The toe-sucking photos taken secretly in France



Making waves: the marriage has been consistently dogged by controversy

having her toes sucked by her so-called "financial adviser", another Texan named John Bryan. What upset the Queen, and many others who saw the pictures, was that Bryan and the Duchess were being watched closely by her children, and not so closely by two slumbering royal protection police officers.

Bryan moved from being the Duchess's "financial adviser" and "unofficial press spokesman" to the new man in her life, escorting her on a South Pacific holiday after it was announced that she was separating from the Duke.

In London, he became her companion-around-town, arranging meetings with bankers and taking her to parties. Not everyone was so taken with the Texan.

When the Duchess appeared on the royal scene, she was regarded as a close ally of the Princess of Wales; the two at first seemed to provide support for each other, outsiders at sea in the unfriendly royal ocean.

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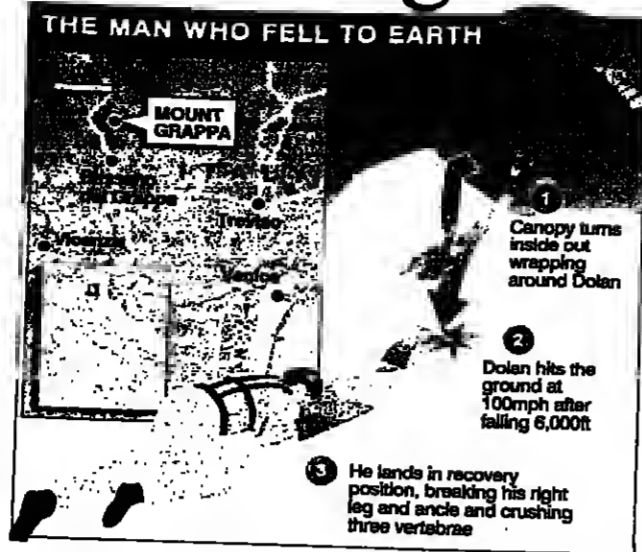
By PAUL WILKINSON AND KYLE SMITH

A PARAGLIDER who hit a boulder-strewn mountainside at 100mph after his parachute collapsed not only survived but expects to make a full recovery.

Pat Dolan escaped from a mile-high freefall with a broken right leg and three crushed vertebrae. He is paralysed from the waist down, but spinal injuries experts say he should be walking within months.

Mr Dolan's specially designed parachute, which acts as an aerofoil, collapsed when he flew into turbulence in the Dolomites in northern Italy. He had taken off from Mount Grappa at 5,000ft and soared to 6,500ft where he hit an "asymmetric" tuck, which caused his canopy to collapse inwards. It wrapped itself tightly around him, preventing him from releasing his emergency parachute.

"There was no drag on my canopy to slow me down because it had wrapped itself around my arms and body completely. I was falling in the standing up position at about



100mph," said Mr Dolan, 39, whose accident happened three weeks ago.

Speaking from his bed in the spinal injuries unit at Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, yesterday, he said: "All I could do was watch the ground as it got closer and closer. I didn't have time to think about anything else. I wasn't scared at all. I just gave

into the situation and let it happen. As I fell to within a few yards of the ground, I tensed up and shut my eyes tightly. I didn't feel any pain when I hit the ground. I just blacked out."

He puts his survival down to hitting a sloping surface. "I bounced up again and rolled downwards into a small mound of snow. I would have gone 'splat' if I'd landed on a

flat surface, my body would have been smashed to pieces."

He ended up in the recovery position used by paramedics when dealing with accident victims. "It was pure luck that I ended up rolling to a halt like that. I could easily have choked to death on blood or vomit if I'd ended up on my back. It was against all the odds that I survived. There were rocks all over and I was lucky to miss them all."

The former Army physical training instructor from Queensbury, near Bradford, West Yorkshire, who is a member of the Yorkshire Dales Hang-gliding and Paragliding Club, was also wearing a special backplate made of Kevlar, the material used in bullet-proof vests.

Mr Dolan was airlifted to hospital in Treviso, where surgeons inserted metal plates in his spine and took bone grafts from his pelvis.

Yahya Ahmed, consultant at Pinderfields, said: "We hope to begin active physiotherapy in the next few weeks to get him back walking again. He's very lucky to have the chance of walking, given the dreadful nature of his injuries."



Mr Dolan and his wife Liz after the accident. "I try not to think about how close I came to losing him," she said

Mr Dolan said: "I'm definitely the luckiest person on Earth. I couldn't wish for anything more than to be alive."

His wife Liz, 31, added: "I'm just thankful that he's alive. I try not to think about how close I came to losing him."

Dean Crosby, a former British champion and a fellow club member, said: "Pat is very lucky to be alive considering the height he fell from and the speed of his descent. An accident like that is extremely rare, almost a one-off. I

wouldn't say that paragliding is any more dangerous than any other sport. There is always an amount of danger which you can reduce by proper training. Perhaps we need more training abroad where the conditions are far worse."

Mr Dolan's escape is one of the more remarkable in recent years. In March 1995, Penny Roberts of Silsden, West Yorkshire, an experienced parachutist, hit a concrete runway in Florida at 50mph after her

main and reserve chutes tangled on a 13,500ft jump. She suffered several broken bones and was paralysed below the waist.

In April 1994, Des Moloney, 28, of Chobham, Surrey, fell 3,000ft from a plane being flown by his brother when his parachute ripped and opened only partially. He was dazed but suffered only cuts, bruises and whiplash when he landed on a grass verge near Sainsbury's in Colchester, Essex. Not too stunned to play

the wag, he told his brother: "Reports of my death are premature."

A 3ft-deep duck pond saved a New Zealand skydiver, Clint Freemantle, 22, who plunged 3,000ft in 1993 when both his parachutes failed to open. Mr Freemantle, after splashing down virtually without a scratch, said: "The first thing I did was stand up and shout 'Yes!'"

After his own near miss, Mr Dolan said he intended to take up gliding as a safer pastime.



From the glory days of TV's *Come Dancing*: Victor Sylvester takes the floor with Sylvia Birch in 1955

BBC pirouette saves last tango in Bournemouth

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE sequin and sunlamp industries are safe. The determined smiles of ballroom dancers will be seen once more. The BBC has reprised *Come Dancing*.

Britain's longest-running television show will come back for a 47th year in the autumn, after a deluge of letters and petitions followed the news that TV executives had lined it up for the axe.

In its glory days, the show has been hosted by a series of famous broadcasters, but ratings had fallen from 10 million two decades ago to 2.8 million last year. One BBC management source was quoted as saying: "People here feel that it has had its day. It has become a bit of a national joke rather than a national institution."

Dancers were already reeling from the shock of losing televised coverage of the British championships last year and blamed the low audience on the show's scheduling at 11.35 on Monday nights. Eric Morley, former head of the Mecca leisure empire, who has been associated with *Come Dancing* since he organised the original competition, said the show would go on again "thanks to pressure from the British public".

Writing in the latest *Dance News*, the dance competition world's weekly newspaper, he urges young supporters to attend recordings of the series at Bournemouth's international centre in May: "It is important that viewers do not get the impression that supporters of dance are all older people."

The ballroom show, first broadcast from the Ritz ballroom in Manchester in 1949, will be fronted by former

Generation Game hostess Rosemarie Ford, who is on her fourth series, and will be screened in September.

Ms Ford is following a line which began with the original presenter, Peter Dinklage — who moved up the ladder into BBC management — and has included Peter West (1959-72), Terry Wogan (1973-79) and Angela Rippon (1987-92), along with career stages for Michael Aspel, Judith Chalmers and David Jacobs.

The new series will be in a different format, with team matches between "modern" couples dancing waltz, foxtrot, tango and quickstep, and "Latin" couples dancing rumba, cha cha, samba, jive and paso doble. There will also be a formation dance team competition, and for the first time an individual award for winning couples undefeated in their team events, even where their team lost.

Teams from Germany, Sweden and Holland will be flown over and some of Britain's top professionals, such as Donnie Burns and Gaynor Fairweather, the world latin champions, will give demonstrations.

John Leach, associate editor of *Dance News*, said: "It is very good news for dancing generally. There was an outcry when it came off."

Bill Irvine, who teaches at south London's Starlight studio — and won 13 world professional titles with his wife Bobbie — has been involved with *Come Dancing* for 40 years, chiefly as a judge. He said: "It is wonderful that it will be shown again. The BBC moved it to the later time and it lost viewing figures and then when it lost viewing figures they decided to take it off."

Simon Betts, producer and director of the programme for ten years, said: "We will have the best amateur dancers in Europe competing."

He said the BBC had received "a tremendous amount of letters from all ages" and added: "There was talk of dropping *Come Dancing* but Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, has kept faith with the dance community by bringing it back."

"We are very pleased. British dancers are the best in the world, so it is good that they are back and will be able to strut their stuff again on *Come Dancing*."

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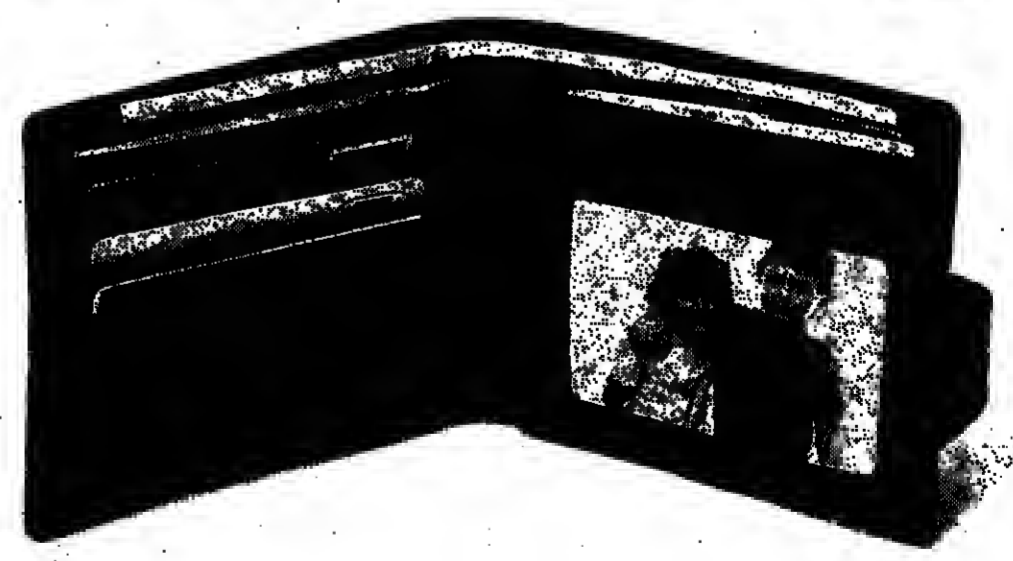


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Inquest verdict of accidental death on terrorist who was 'author of his own misfortune'

Bus bomber was plotting as the IRA talked peace

By ADRIAN LEE

AN IRA terrorist who died when the bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely on a London bus had already planted a similar device and was hiding enough equipment to wage a concerted campaign on mainland Britain.

Edward O'Brien had been active in England for at least 18 months and had been stockpiling explosives and selecting his targets throughout the IRA ceasefire. His inquest was told yesterday that O'Brien, 21, from Gorey, County Wexford, was an experienced terrorist who had also planted a bomb in a telephone kiosk in the West End of London three days before he was killed. It was discovered and defused.

Dr Paul Knapman, the

Westminster Coroner, said: "One would extend sympathy to his family, but it is clear that while embarking on this potentially murderous crime, he was the author of his own misfortune." He recorded a verdict of accidental death.

After O'Brien's death, police found Semtex, timers, detonators and a prepared bomb at his bedsit in south London. The equipment was typical of that used by the IRA.

"It was a complete find of bomb-making equipment," Detective Superintendent William Emerton, of the Metropolitan Police's anti-terrorist branch, said. "It could have sustained a significant bombing attack on the citizens of London."

He said that as early as August 1994, O'Brien was acting as an agent of the IRA

on the mainland. From October 1995, he was preparing a stockpile of Semtex, timers, detonators, guns and ammunition. He was drawing up his plans during the ceasefire and President Clinton's visit to Belfast and Dublin last November and December.

"It is clear that at the time Edward O'Brien was collecting his murderous equipment and planning his criminal activities," Mr Emerton said, adding that it was duplicitous for the IRA to have planned atrocities during the ceasefire.

O'Brien died at about 10.30pm on February 19 as he stood, carrying his bomb in a sports bag, at the foot of the stairs on a number 171 bus in the Aldwych. Dr Iain West, a Home Office pathologist, said O'Brien's legs were blown off by the explosion and he suf-



Edward O'Brien had been stockpiling equipment for 18 months when he blew up himself and a London bus. Among the injured was Paris Valentine, a passenger who suffered only perforated eardrums and minor cuts. It was, said the coroner, a remarkable escape

fered "blast lung", the force of the bomb ripping his lungs to shreds. He would have died almost instantly. The explosion also injured the driver and two passengers. There had been 37 people on the bus at various times as it travelled from south London to Holborn.

Detective Superintendent Emerton said a Walther 9mm pistol, bearing O'Brien's fin-

gerprints, was found in the debris. A Jaguar sports bag, recovered from the dead man's flat in Lewisham, was one of two bought at the same time from Argos in Catford, south London. The first bag had been used to conceal the bomb in the telephone kiosk in Charing Cross Road three days earlier. Warnings about the device, including one call to Buckingham Palace, were

imprecise but a diligent member of the public had found it.

Mr Emerton said O'Brien was born in Dublin and moved to Co Wexford with his family. He was once employed as a baker but had been living in London since August 1994 and was integrated into the local community, playing for a pub football team and drinking regularly at clubs and pubs. He worked fulltime as a

labourer. Commander John Grieve, head of the terrorist branch, said: "I am convinced he was an active, committed, fairly experienced terrorist who had been on the mainland since at least August 1994. He had been involved in Provisional IRA activity from then and through the ceasefire."

Allen Fereday, a scientific officer at a forensic explosives laboratory, told the inquest at Westminster Coroner's Court how he had analysed the bomb-making equipment found at O'Brien's bedsit. It consisted of 15 kg of Semtex explosive in four blocks; 16 one-hour timer units; four three-hour units, one incendiary timer and four electronic detonators. It was, he said, typical of the equipment used in IRA devices.

Mr Fereday said the explosion caught O'Brien at knee level, consistent with him carrying the bomb in a hold-all. There were a number of possible reasons for the premature explosion. The most likely were that the device had been incorrectly armed; poorly constructed, possibly causing a short-circuit; or had a faulty mechanism.

Less likely was that the bomber had made a timing miscalculation or that he had simply stumbled. It was possible that interference from an electrical device, such as a personal stereo or a mobile telephone, had triggered the device.

The coroner praised bystanders who went to the aid of the casualties at a scene of "devastation and enormous disruption".

Paris Valentine, a solicitor who was travelling on the bus, said: "I heard a loud thud. I was listening to my Walkman then I heard a huge piercing sound going through my mind and everything became still. I felt the bus grind to a halt and I was in complete darkness with sparks of light. I was losing consciousness but willed myself to stand up and get out of the bus." He suffered a perforated eardrum and

minor cuts but was otherwise unharmed. The coroner described his escape as "quite remarkable".

Also injured was the bus driver, Bob Newitt, 49, of New Cross, London, who is deaf as a result of his injuries, and Rolf Hobart, 38, of Torquay, who suffered facial injuries. Another injured passenger, Brendan Woolhead, from Dublin, was initially a police suspect but had no connection with the explosion. He has total amnesia about what happened that night.

An off-duty policeman, PC Miles Manning, described an "almighty explosion" and what appeared to be a "bite mark" missing from the centre of the bus. "It was one of the loudest noises I have ever heard and there was an orange flash. I was thrown forwards a few yards."

He ran to help and, fearing a secondary blast, took out his warrant card and warned rescuers to stand back. A taxi driver, an American tourist and a solicitor, who had been drinking in a pub, all tried to help. They are to be cited by police for bravery awards.

The coroner said: "We have heard a story of ordinary people in London who showed their inner resources in response to such outrages."



PC Manning: feared a second explosion

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Although a fortified settlement since the Iron Age, Dover Castle has only been in its existent form since the late 12th century. It was in 1179 when Henry II's builder, Maurice the Engineer, began the construction of the large rectangular Keep which is the magnificent centrepiece of the castle. The rough masonry walls measure between 5.2 and 6.4 metres in thickness. However, impenetrability wasn't the only prerequisite. The Keep was, after all, to be home to the King on occasion. Hence the splendid royal apartments on the upper storey. Encircled by a mural gallery and featuring elaborately decorated window embrasures, they provide a more grandiose contrast to the rooms beneath. Even the Chapel upstairs is considerably larger and more ornate than its lower equivalent.



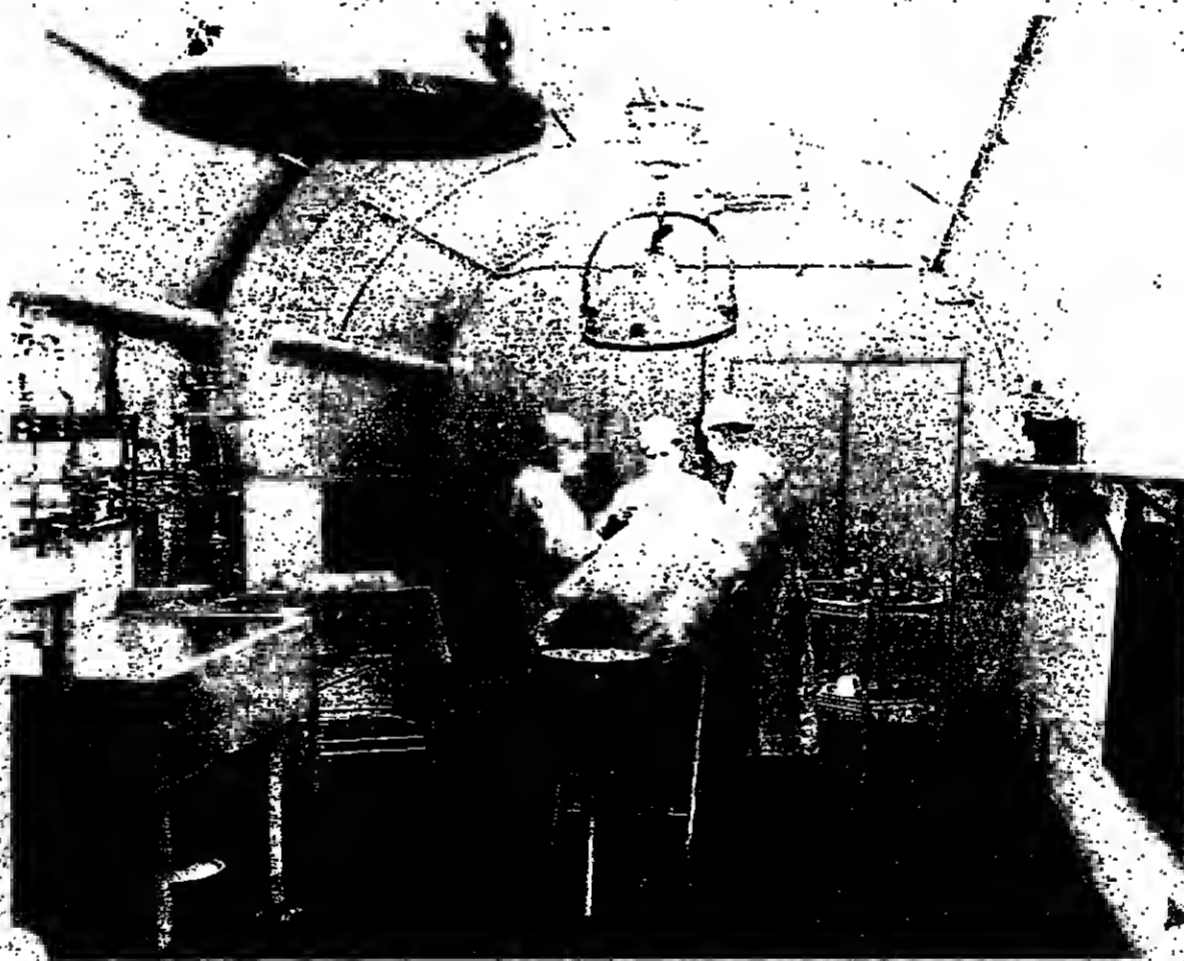
MANY people know that Desmond Llewellyn played the part of Q in the Bond movies. Fewer people, perhaps, are aware of the fact that Q was playing the part of one CHARLES FRASER-SMITH: the man who was the inspiration for Fleming's shrewd inventor. Based within the Clothing Department of the Ministry of Supply, Fraser-Smith appeared to be nothing more than an unremarkable civil servant. But he was actually the mastermind in one of Britain's most secret projects, his inventions playing a major part in the Second World War victory. The *Live and Let Spy* exhibition at Dover Castle takes you into the world of the secret agent. You'll see a number of Fraser-Smith's devices, like the shaving brush that carried some photographic film of German installations. The seemingly innocuous jacket button, in reality a tiny compass.



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Ulster elections only delay choices that cannot be avoided

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

President Bill Clinton has turned into an increasingly supportive ally of John Major on Northern Ireland. This surfaced in an improbable way during Mr Clinton's meeting with Tony Blair at the White House last Friday. When the President said that Mr Blair had acted in a "very statesmanlike" way over Northern Ireland, he has not only giving the Labour leader a public boost, but he was also being helpful to Mr Major.

Some of Mr Clinton's advisers had been concerned that Labour might seek to exploit the Government's vulnerability by allying with the Unionists over an amendment to the Bill, published yesterday, for elections on May 30. But Mr Blair assured the president that, however much he wanted to bring down the Tories, there was no way that Labour would indulge in such wrecking tactics over Northern Ireland. Mr Clinton was relieved.

After the differences of a year ago between London and Washington over the treatment of Gerry Adams, there is now a much closer understanding over Northern Ireland. This partly follows a proposal made to Mr Clinton by Sir John Kerr, the British Ambassador in Washington, shortly after his arrival

of the IRA ceasefire has also put some Washington supporters of Mr Adams on the defensive.

Mr Clinton was persuaded that the British suggestion of elections was a necessary step to ensure that the Unionists participate in the all party negotiations on June 10, despite the misgivings of the Dublin Government and opposition of the SDLP. He has appealed to all parties to become involved.

Yesterday's Bill and the accompanying paper on ground rules for the talks are intended to keep open all options by offering wide reassurance. The elections will both provide delegates from whom participants in the all-party talks can be chosen and create a deliberative forum, in effect a talking shop with no real powers. The Bill provides that referendums may, with parliamentary approval, be held on any matter relating to Northern Ireland. The Government is still not persuaded of the case for a referendum on the renunciation of violence, as urged by John Hume. But the door has not been closed. Sinn Fein can, and probably will, participate in the elections, but the Government paper reiterates that their participation in negotiations "requires the unequivocal restoration of the ceasefire of August 1994".

While the IRA decision on a ceasefire is the main uncertainty ahead of June 10, several other questions remain unresolved. Who, for example, will be the "independent chairperson" handling the sensitive strand two discussions on relationships within the island of Ireland? There are suggestions that Senator George Mitchell is willing to become involved again.

The familiar question of decommissioning of arms will also have to be addressed at the start of the talks. The announcement of elections masked the decision to drop the previous "Washington three" precondition that decommissioning must start. But this only put off a decision. Everything now is aimed at getting the talks going with all parties involved. Sinn Fein will also have to decide whether it accepts the Mitchell Commission's insistence on an absolute commitment to democracy and non-violence. These choices cannot be avoided indefinitely. On June 10, or soon afterwards, the London and Dublin Governments, and the Clinton Administration, will have to face up to the incompatibility of the aims and attitudes of the main participants.

PETER RIDDELL

Mandelson tours Far East courtesy of Barclays Bank

By Andrew Pierce and Patricia Tehan

BARCLAYS BANK financed a ten-day trip to South-East Asia by Peter Mandelson, one of Tony Blair's closest allies, to reassure companies in the region that their investments in Britain would be safe under New Labour.

The trip, the first the bank has sponsored for an individual MP, came in the same week that BZW, Barclays' investment bank, hosted a reception for the Labour leader during his visit to New York. But Mr Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool, had given a different emphasis to the trip before he went away. He told his local newspaper that he was flying east to try to generate more investment from South-East Asia in Hartlepool, where unemployment is almost twice the national average.

His explanation mystified Barclays, which is paying the estimated £6,000 bill for the trip to Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore.

A spokeswoman for Barclays, the one-time *décor* of the Labour Left because of its investment in

South Africa during the apartheid era, said: "The trip had nothing to do with Hartlepool. The only connection we have with Hartlepool is a branch in the High Street."

Before he left for South-East Asia, at the start of the Easter recess, Mr Mandelson told the *Hartlepool Mail*: "We must step up our efforts to promote the town and I am pleased to announce that during Easter I am travelling to Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore to beat the drum for investment in Hartlepool."

Far from paying Mr Mandelson's expenses to extol the virtues of Hartlepool, the bank had invited him to act as an unofficial ambassador for Tony Blair. Andrew MacThomas, Barclays' head of public affairs, said in a letter to the MP that the purpose was: "To discuss trade and investment under a Labour government with particular reference to companies with direct interests in Britain."

In the letter, dated March 29, Mr MacThomas said that Barclays agreed to the visit as a number of its customers in the Far East could be affected by a potential change of government in Britain.

Barclays declined to say who had issued the invitation to Mr Mandelson, whose frontbench portfolio is the Civil Service not inward investment. Last night the bank said that the visit was part of a programme of contact with politicians.

Martin Taylor, the Eton-educated chief executive of Barclays, is an acquaintance of Mr Blair. He approved the visit, which was organised by BZW, Derek Scott, a BZW economist and part-time adviser to Mr Blair, is believed to have helped to organise Mr Blair's Wall Street gathering.

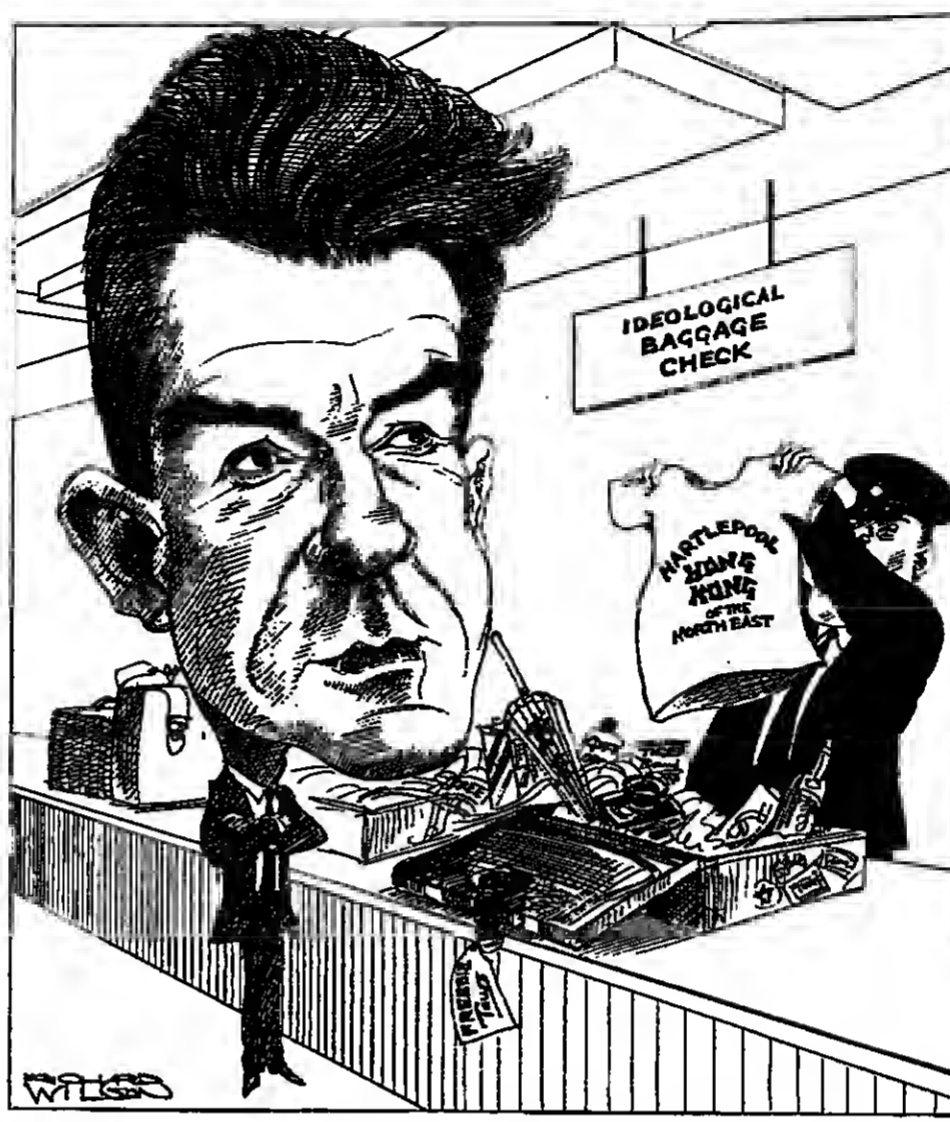
Mr Mandelson flew from London to Tokyo on April 6. He went on to Seoul on April 9, staying at the Hotel Shilla, visiting Hyundai and Daewoo. Mr Mandelson reached Hong Kong on Thursday April 11, staying at the Conrad Hotel, leaving on April 14 for Singapore. He arrived back in London yesterday.

In the Register of MPs' interests Mr Mandelson declares that he is parliamentary adviser to the Association of Civil Servants. He will have to log his trip in the next register.

The bank spokeswoman said the visit had been arranged because Barclays had many customers there who wanted to know about investment prospects under a Labour government. "It is the first time we have done it," she said. "We do not have MPs as consultants or advisers."

Mr Mandelson had been chosen because customers had exacting questions. "We wanted to send someone who could answer them." The final cost was not yet known because Mr Mandelson had not submitted his expenses.

Mr Mandelson said in a prepared statement that the knowledge he had gained about the Asian economic miracle had been enormously valuable. "It was a real eye-opener. I was particularly pleased to reassure potential investors in Britain about the excellent business prospects in Britain under a Labour government."



Sinn Fein warned over late ceasefire

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

SINN FEIN leaders were told last night that they may be excluded from the forthcoming all-party talks even if the IRA declares a ceasefire.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, increased pressure on the IRA to end violence now by saying that a last-minute ceasefire might be too late. Sinn Fein has been told that it will be excluded from talks starting on June 10 unless an "unequivocal restoration" of the ceasefire is announced, although it can stand in the May 30 elections to the Peace Forum.

Unionists are worried that Sinn Fein could enter the talks if a ceasefire is announced only days before June 10. However, Sir Patrick emphasised last night that the announcement needed to be made soon, saying: "It would be increasingly hard to persuade participants that this was unequivocal the closer to the 'off' it is declared."

Sir Patrick, who was announcing legislation to set up the talks and elections to the peace forum, was optimistic that all parties would join. "I think there are more sensible grounds for being hopeful than for a very long time."

A Bill will be rushed through Parliament by next week to enable the election of 110 representatives to the forum, from which negotiators will be selected for the talks. Sinn Fein made no initial response to the draft Bill.

Labour accused of media 'sycophancy'

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY accused Labour of "sycophantic devotion" to large media groups yesterday after it sought to relax planned restrictions on newspapers' holdings in broadcasting companies (James Landale writes).

The Broadcasting Bill, which came up for its second reading in the Commons, would allow newspaper groups with less than 20 per cent of the national market to bid for ITV licences. The limit is designed to prevent any one group dominating the market.

However, Labour said that the figure was arbitrary and unreasonable because it

Worried Tories urge Major to talk with Goldsmith

SENIOR Tories urged John Major yesterday to authorise talks with Sir James Goldsmith on an agreement that would persuade him to withdraw his threat to field 600 pro-referendum candidates at the general election.

They say that unless the Government does a deal with Sir James his Referendum Party will take enough votes to make defeat certain. They want Mr Major to look sympathetically at the billionaire financier's call for all-party talks on a possible

NHS criticised over £100m computers

AS A SCHEME to introduce computers in NHS hospitals to improve patient services has cost more than £100 million and failed to provide the expected benefits (Nigel Williamson writes).

A highly critical report from a public spending watchdog says that eight years after the start of the scheme, only 13 of the 260 acute NHS hospitals have integrated computer systems providing up-to-the-minute information on the results of medical tests, waiting list and other vital data. The NHS Executive had intended all hospitals to be running the system by April 1995. However, the National Audit Office found that pilot schemes had been plagued by delays and a failure to make sufficient savings. Particular problems had occurred at Nottingham, Kidderminster and Darlington hospitals.

Alan Langlands, the NHS chief executive, is certain to face tough questioning from the Public Accounts Committee over the report next month. MPs will want to know why by last year the schemes had only achieved cost savings of £3.3 million and why the NHS Executive has still not completed its own evaluation of the project.

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Doctors give hope of breakthrough in cancer therapy

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A NEW weapon against cancer that could prove effective for many of the commonest forms of the disease has begun patient trials, scientists announced yesterday.

The treatment, based on blocking the growth of malignant cells instead of destroying them, has excited scientists who have spent 15 years developing it. It is being tested on lung cancer patients and, if successful, trials will be extended to other common cancers.

Researchers from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund described the start of tests on patients as a landmark. Professor John Smyth, director of the fund's clinical oncology unit at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, said: "We can't avoid being excited by this. We believe the science is extremely strong and we are optimistic, but we are at the first stage. We desperately need entirely new approaches

if we are to make a major difference for patients with a number of different types of cancer, particularly the common cancers."

The treatment is being used first for sufferers of small-cell lung cancer, which accounts for a quarter of all cases of lung cancer and causes nearly 10,000 deaths a year in Britain.

Professor Smyth said there had been virtually no improvement in survival after lung cancer in the past decade despite the development of treatments to improve quality of life. Chemotherapy is highly effective in eradicating the cancer cells but the disease returns in more than 90 per cent of cases and the drugs do not work a second time. The new treatment would be used as a follow-up to initial chemotherapy to prevent the cancer cells re-growing.

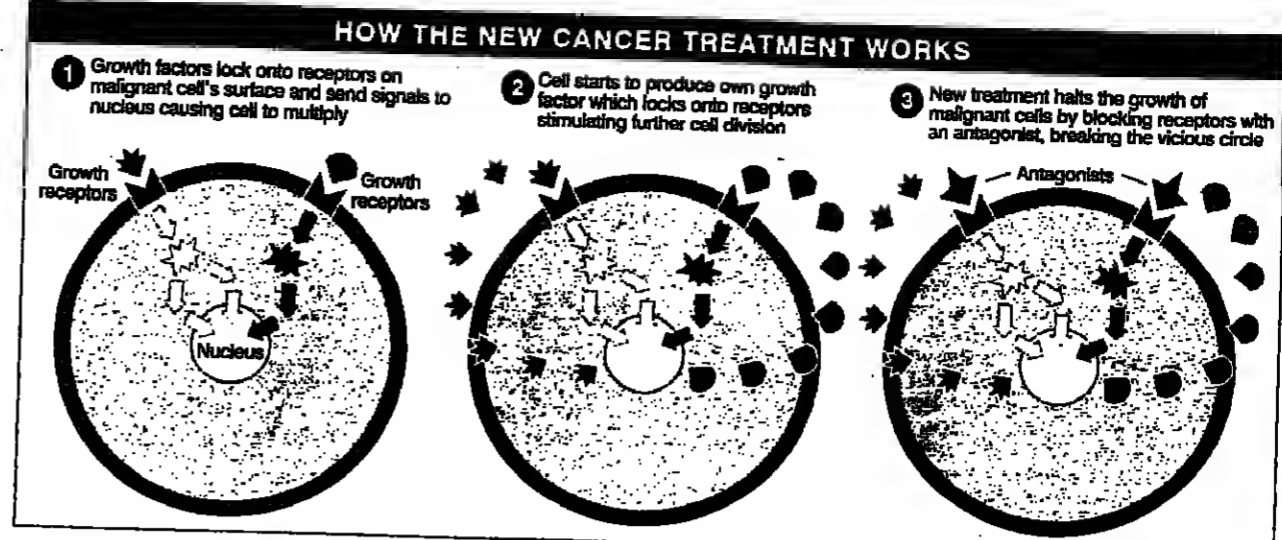
In small-cell lung cancer, the malignant cells produce

hormonal growth factors called neuropeptides which cause the cells to multiply out of control. They do this by locking on to receptors on the cell's surface and sending signals to the cell nucleus.

Work led by Dr Enrique Rozengurt at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's laboratory in London has shown that the receptors can be blocked with antagonists, which prevent the growth factors from working and stop multiplication of the cancer cells.

Dr Rozengurt said: "We have identified a group of antagonists that can block every type of growth factor with a particular circle of signal. The vicious circle is interrupted." An important question, however, is what effect the antagonists have on healthy cells.

The first clinical trials, which began in February,



involve a handful of patients and will determine how treatment with the best antagonist for lung cancer is tolerated and the optimum dose. Later trials will compare the new approach with existing treatments. It will be three to five years before scientists know whether it is effective. Laboratory studies suggest the same antagonist may be effective against cancer of the bowel and pancreas because the same family of growth factors may be involved.

Nutritionist says Chinese food is recipe for healthy breasts

WOMEN may be able to avoid breast cancer by eating Chinese food, scientists were told yesterday. Soy protein used in oriental cooking contains chemical compounds that appear to mimic the action of the widely used breast cancer drug Tamoxifen.

Dr Helen Wiseman, a nutritionist at King's College London, said that may be why people in Japan and China have such low rates of breast, colon and prostate cancer. It could also explain why

people who consume large amounts of soy products have a low incidence of heart disease and osteoporosis. Isoflavonoids are also potent antioxidants, which may be another reason why they protect against cancer and heart disease. Dr Wiseman told the meeting that work has started on ways to enrich soy products to improve their health-giving properties. "If all goes well, women at risk of breast cancer, for example, could choose to eat these foods as a supplement to drugs."

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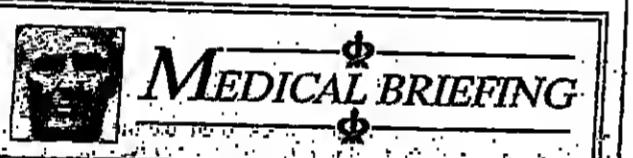
Anna Blundy joins New York's fact pack

Paul Heiney on home cooking



The Pembertons: Guy, Caroline and Simon (Hugh Dickson, Sara Coward and Peter Wingfield)

Everyday story of a superdrug



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE death of *The Archers* star Guy Pemberton, who owned the Ambridge estate, spoilt the weekend for listeners of the Radio 4 serial, particularly if they have had a cardiovascular disease. Mr Pemberton's death was slightly unusual, as more than half of those who die from a heart attack do so within the first 48 hours. The scriptwriters were not entirely misleading, for there is an appreciable increase in mortality over the first year.

Mr Pemberton's death leaves his widow Caroline and his son Simon with unresolved difficulties, but it also calls into question Dr Richard Locke's care. Had his patient been prescribed a regular daily dose of aspirin and, if he had, was anyone checking to see if he took it?

Aspirin, unless there is a sound reason against its use, is recommended for prevention of a second heart attack. Aspirin has been a wonder drug for nearly 100 years for which new uses are constantly being discovered. Despite its proven use in the prevention of a second heart attack, a recent survey carried out by Oxford University research workers and published in *General Practitioner* shows that only one in ten general practices is correctly recommending its routine use. This could be life-saving in many cases.

One example was an 18-year-old woman darts player who usually hit the 20s with easy grace. One evening, in

the amazement of her fans, she missed and missed again. It transpired that the woman had had a transient ischaemic attack (TIA), a tiny temporary stroke caused by a blood clot temporarily blocking an artery in her brain.

Further tests demonstrated that she had an abnormal clotting tendency, characterised by a positive antiphospho-lipid test, a simple and cheap blood test. This form of clotting disorder can be helped by the regular prescription of aspirin which reduces the likelihood of further TIAs or even a fatal stroke.

The darts player's condition was the same as that which Dr Graham Hughes of St Thomas's Hospital treats in some women who recurrently miscarry. In these women the placenta is damaged by small clots, the developing baby dies and the mother miscarries. Dr Hughes's research started with women who have lupus and who are also antiphospho-lipid positive, as are a small sub-group of lupus sufferers. In this group the successful pregnancy rate has, with the help of aspirin, been raised from 17 to 70 per cent.

Tests for the antiphospho-lipid factor are also important in younger patients who have unusual clotting tendencies, whether these have been demonstrated by early strokes, heart attacks, deep-vein thromboses or even recurrent migraine.



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Hogg watches as prodigal son feeds subsidy to farmers

It was on April 3, began Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg in his Statement to the Commons yesterday, that he had last made a statement to MPs on BSE. If Mr Hogg had followed the logic implied in this opening remark, he would have dropped the remaining six pages of his Statement and sat down without further ado.

He and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, had made a series of reassuring For Commons Statements before the Easter recess, and after

each the public panic over beef had grown. A fortnight's pause in these reassurances while MPs went on holiday and public alarm had subsided. Beef sales were now climbing back to their pre-reassurance level.

That this suggests some kind of link between ministerial reassurance and public alarm did not seem to occur to the younger Hogg, who ploughed on. Leaning on two sticks in the peers' gallery, the elder Hogg, Douglas's dad Quintin, watched anxiously.

The concern of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone was understandable. The younger Hogg was there to announce his compensation payments to farmers whose cattle would have to be slaughtered: payments that could only add to the already vast level of public subsidy to agriculture.

Those of us who served in Parliament with Douglas before he realised that he might one day be Agriculture Minister remember him telling us the ruling wisdom in the

Hogger way back in the 1950s, when the elder Hogg was First Lord of the Admiralty and the younger Hogg was a spotty teenager.

They were alarmed at the level of farm subsidy: so alarmed (the present Agriculture Minister used to tell us in the Smoking Room) that Thanksgiving Day at the

Hoggs's dinner table was dubbed by Hogg senior as subsidy Sunday.

One wonders whether Lord Hailsham, peering down at his son's grumpy competent performance at the dispatch box yesterday, cast his mind back nearly 50 years to the boy's mid-century grounding in agro-scepticism and

mourned his end-century prodigality. But this was not so much a case of the prodigal son feeding the hogs as the prodigal Hogg feeding the farmers.

It proved a jolly afternoon. If one believed that morning's newspapers, the session resumed with Tony Blair seething with anger at Clare Short's tax gaffe and John Major reeling in shock at a fresh blow delivered by the voters of Staffordshire SE to his premiership.

If one believed one's eyes,

however, it resumed at Prime Minister's Questions with Mr Blair prancing confidently around and laughing off barbs about tax and Ms Short, while Mr Major, relaxed and jokey at the dispatch box, teased Paddy Ashdown and Mr Blair about their script-writers and swapped pleasantries with Peter Brooke (C. City of London and Westminster S) about cricket. Nothing at present seems to be getting under Mr Major's skin.

But there was one oddity. John Prescott has taken to

gesticulating wildly but silently as Major and Blair trade ripostes. Blair's sallies are accompanied by triumphant "Take that!" signals from Prescott, while Major's responses get a dismissive sweep of the burly ex-seaman's arms.

Not content with his new status among the middle classes, it seems Mr Prescott may be auditioning for the role of News Bunny on Live! TV. Perhaps a little more work is needed on the cuddle factor.



MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Guarded welcome for BSE damages package

THE rescue package for the beef industry announced yesterday by the Agriculture Minister will cost nearly £1 billion in the first year and is likely to involve the destruction of more than a million cattle.

Farmers last night welcomed the announcement by Douglas Hogg as a first step towards putting the industry back on its feet after the crisis over the possible link between "mad cow" disease and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

But they were concerned about the threat of further cuts and said many farmers could still suffer serious financial loss.

Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers'

Union, said: "Prompt payment of the compensation and the removal of devalued carcasses from cold stores will help the industry as it attempts to meet the renewed public demand for beef."

Tony Loud, who runs a 200-cow family dairy farm near Okehampton, Devon, said: "The compensation announced by Mr Hogg for old

milking cows is acceptable. But we are very worried by his reference to possible further selective culls of animals deemed to be susceptible to BSE. We do not see any need for that at all."

James Burnett keeps 1,100 of prime beef cattle near Newark, Nottinghamshire, which are all over the age of 30 months and face destruction.

"The compensation for beef farmers like me is not as bad as I feared, but I could still face a loss of up to £250,000 over a full year," he said.

About £630 million of the aid package will be spent on the slaughter and disposal of cattle over 30 months old, which are considered to be at greater risk of being infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

There will be £110 million to help slaughterhouses. Some



Fair deal: Tony Loud, who runs a farm with his sons Martin, left, and Richard, said the package was acceptable

£80 million of this will be used to buy an estimated 40,000 tonnes of stockpiled beef which cannot be sold because it comes from older cattle or because there is no demand. The meat will probably have to be destroyed.

In addition, up to £80 million will be paid to abattoirs and farmers for the slaughter of male calves from dairy

herds immediately after birth. Nearly all these animals, up to 500,000 a year, were previously exported for the continental live trade. They may now be made into pet food.

Rendering plants, which specialise in processing animal waste, will receive £118 million in aid. Mr Hogg said the plants had "substantial surplus capacity" and would be mainly responsible for treating and burning the waste material, offal and carcass meat that would no longer be allowed into the food chain.

According to an audit prepared for the Ministry of Agriculture by the accountant Coopers and Lybrand, 15,000 old cows and 6,000 beef animals over 30 months old will have to be slaughtered and destroyed each week, implying the destruction of about a million cattle in a year.

Old cows at the end of their productive life would have been slaughtered anyway. But instead of being turned into burgers and pies they will be destroyed. Farmers will get 86p a kilogram live weight, averaging nearly £500 per animal, roughly the market price they would have fetched before the BSE scare.

The European Union will pay 70 per cent of the cost of this compensation. But the Government will have to pay for the disposal of the carcasses. It will also pay a top-up payment of 25p a kilogram to owners of prime beef cattle over 30 months old, which are much more valuable than old dairy cows.

There are estimated to be 300,000 prime beef cattle on farms above this age limit which cannot now go into the food chain. To clear this

backlog alone in a year, the animals would have to be slaughtered and destroyed at a rate of about 6,000 a week.

Mr Hogg said he was looking at other ways of identifying individual cattle or groups of cattle more likely than others to develop BSE that could be culled selectively in addition to those over 30 months old. But there would be no question of killing whole herds just because they had had a few cases of BSE.

He said: "The models we are looking at involve limited numbers of individual animals — in the low tens of thousands and not hundreds of thousands — and do not provide for the slaughter of whole herds."

The proposals for a selective cull are due to be presented to European Union Agriculture Ministers at the end of this month. There is no chance of

the EU's worldwide ban on British beef being lifted until other member states have seen the proposals.

Mr Hogg said he was still discussing with the Environment Department the best and safest way of disposing of unwanted carcasses after they had been treated by rendering plants.

A legal challenge by the British Government over Europe's beef ban would be boosted by the Farm Commissioner's admission last week that the ban was needed to shore up the European beef industry (Frances Gibb writes). Lawyers say there is no doubt that the Commission has power to impose a ban but they believe it must be done on public-health grounds.

The likelihood of success, some lawyers believe, is quite high: the grounds for legal challenge would be that the ban was disproportionate to the risk it sought to avoid. But as any legal action in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg would be likely to take at least ten months from start to final court ruling, the chief benefit of lodging proceedings could be as a bargaining counter in any negotiations to have the ban lifted.

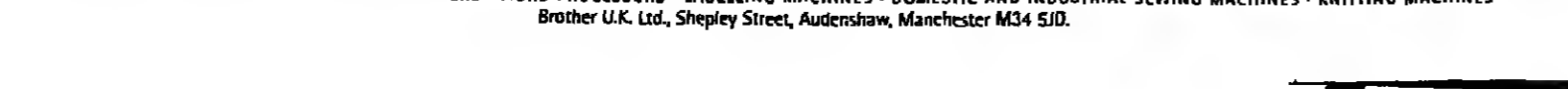
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Hogg said more culls might be necessary



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Diners dismiss beef offal warning as 'load of tripe'

FRENCH gastronomy was reeling from another cruel blow yesterday after the Institute of National Consumers (INC) warned the public not to eat beef offal as fear of "mad cow" disease continued to permeate France.

Consumption of beef has dropped sharply here since the European ban on British beef, but the latest warning is a direct threat to some of France's most celebrated delicacies.

Le bifeck Aberdeen Angus has already disappeared from French menus and, if the public heeds the latest warning, ris de veau (sweetbread), cervelles (brains), andouillette (small tripe sausage) and amourettes (spinal bone marrow of calf or ox) will soon follow. Given the fact that the French blame British beef for the whole sorry affair, foie de veau anglaise (sauteed English calf's liver), which is usually served with boiled potatoes, could be the first to go.

"We advise consumers to avoid beef offal," Marie-Jeanne Husset, Editor of the consumer journal 60 Million Consumers, said, adding that the advisory would remain in place until the scientific community had reached a conclusion on the possible transmission of BSE to human beings.

Where the average British palate tends to balk at eating animal parts intended for thinking, digesting or excreting, virtually no organ is excluded from the French pot. Intestines, udders, liver, heart, lungs, brains and kidneys are all included in the

French definition of edible offal, or abats.

Last week an English visitor to Paris ordered museau de boeuf, assuming it to be some particularly succulent steak. When informed that she was about to be presented with vinegared beef muzzie, she paled and abruptly changed her order.

Although the French refer to Britons as Les Rosbifs, France is the largest consumer of beef in Europe. But even before the current crisis, French meat consumption was beginning to wane. In 1979 the average French citizen consumed 25 kilos (55lb) of meat annually, but by last year the figure had dropped to 19 kilos (42lb).

The trend has been accelerating and, since last month's beef ban, more than half of all French restaurants have reported a drop in beef orders. In Paris, restaurateurs say consumption has halved while trade at vegetarian restaurants has jumped by a third. Popular restaurant chains such as Hippopotamus, the self-proclaimed "carnivore's heaven", have started serving "vegiburgers", the sort of dish that makes most French chefs reach for the smelling salts.

With traditional French cuisine already in crisis, it is facing intense competition from sushi, pasta and fast food — the advisory recommending the avoidance of offal will be a bitter pill to swallow for the nation's chefs, many of whom saw their most extravagant and inventive recipes for offal dishes.

No country on Earth takes its food as seriously as France. Open a certain French encyclopaedia at the word "food" and you will find the warning: "Do not read or watch television while eating. The secretion of digestive juices is stimulated by the sight, smell and feel of food... many digestive problems are caused by paying insufficient attention to the food on the plate."

In a country where cooking is a combination of art, science and religion, beef offal is a central part of the repertoire of every great chef. The notion that it may be dangerous is little short of revolutionary. However, according to an unscientific survey conducted yesterday, many French diners have reacted to the latest culinary caveat by ignoring it.

At a restaurant near the Paris office of The Times, one of the regular customers was tucking into tête de veau (veal head) without an apparent care in the world. When asked what he thought of the new warning against eating offal, his reply was succinct: "Quelles bêtises", which can be translated only as "What a load of tripe".

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US makes progress in forging Lebanon truce

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

INTENSE negotiations spearheaded by America made progress yesterday towards drawing up an agreement to halt the week-old Israeli offensive in Lebanon, cement a long-term deal that could halt the tit-for-tat attacks across Israel's northern border, and facilitate peace talks between Israel and Syria.

As Israel's ground and air barrage against alleged terrorist targets inside Lebanon continued, Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, was shown a draft of the document and a senior Israeli source expressed confidence that the deal would be completed within a few days. However, Operation Grapes of Wrath would continue "to make sure that the message gets through that attacking us, now or in the future, will be an action that will always hurt and exact a heavy price", the source said.

The Washington-brokered plan stipulates that:

- Lebanon guarantees the security of residents of settlements in northern Israel.
- Rocket attacks on northern Israel stop.
- Guerrilla attacks against soldiers inside Israel's self-proclaimed security zone in south Lebanon halt in return

for an Israeli declaration that it will pull out of the south if there are no guerrilla attacks for nine months.

□ Syria guarantees the agreement and sets up a mechanism to implement it.

There was a two-minute lull at 10am in the offensive as sirens sounded throughout the Jewish state for a silence to remember the six million victims of the Holocaust.

To drive home the message that any organisation assist-

ing a deal to an eventual withdrawal from the south Lebanese buffer zone it established in 1985, Syria and Lebanon can be persuaded to play a part in restraining, and eventually winding up, Hezbollah activity.

Diplomats recognise that the problem in securing implementation will be to provide guarantees and winning the tacit co-operation of Iran.

Without commenting on the substance of the peace plan, Mr Barak, a former Chief of Staff and a key player in the ruling Labour Party's campaign for re-election in the Israeli elections to be held on May 29, said: "I expect the bombing of Lebanon to continue despite intensive efforts to end the fighting, even in Beirut."

The first hint of the extent of the backstairs diplomacy came when Mr Savir left more than 60 foreign ambassadors stranded in Jerusalem's Laromme Hotel for a meeting on Monday morning he was unable to attend because of the negotiations. Later, none too pleased by the upset, the foreign envoys were told to come to see him instead at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

The operation continues, to make sure the message gets through that attacking us will always hurt

ing the Iranian-backed Hezbollah would be held accountable despite the 1993 peace deal with the Palestinians. Israeli planes attacked a building inside the sprawling Palestinian refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh, near the port city of Sidon. An Israeli Army spokesman said the building belonged to Brigade 13 of the Palestinian rejectionist group Black September, which was opposed to the peace deal signed in Washington.

that any premature ending of the present offensive would be unwise.

According to commentators, Mr Peres is having to balance the improvement in his standing with Israeli voters resulting from the new Lebanon offensive with American displeasure if it was to continue for too long.

"The Americans are the only diplomatic game in town," one Israeli official said. Israel is hopeful that, by

Rockets reopen religious rift

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN BEIRUT

IT TOOK just seconds to cause millions of pounds of destruction and plunge Beirut into darkness. "Two Israeli jets came in low and fired six rockets into the power station," said Philippe Hadat, 40, a Maronite Christian labourer who watched the attack from his flat.

"There was a huge noise, the earth shook, and they were gone." Grim-faced, he added: "We can thank Hezbollah for this."

As he spoke, despondent officials picked through the wreckage of the Baaleem substation in the pine-clad hills five miles northeast of the capital. The air still pungent with the smell of smouldering rubber. Twisted pylons dangled from a web of torn cables over shattered concrete supports. An old sign on the

broken perimeter wall read: "Entry Forbidden: Danger Of Death."

For the Lebanese Government, Israel is doing more than just overburdening it with several thousand displaced people. The humanitarian crisis was set to intensify as Israeli radio warned that the army might include the refugee-swollen city of Sidon in its attack zone after airstrikes were carried out there yesterday on the base of a radical Palestinian group.

The Lebanese Government is convinced Israel is trying to blackmail it into curbing Hezbollah in two other ways. First, by targeting Lebanon's infrastructure, just as the Government is spending billions on reconstruction after the devastation of the coun-

try's 15-year civil war. Three power substations have been hit, and Beirut airport, the country's window on the world, has been in the line of fire.

Second, and even more alarming, government officials believe Israel is trying to tear open the old sectarian wounds of the civil war.

The Baaleem substation is in Lebanon's Christian heartland. Here, unlike the impoverished Shia refugees from southern Lebanon, few regarded Hezbollah as courageous freedom fighters. The organisation's austere way of life and radical values are alien to the Francophile Christians.

"Hezbollah's resistance to Israel is futile. They should stop the rocket attacks at once," said Mary Khouri, 26,

a smartly dressed mother of two. "It's us who are suffering now. It's our children without electricity, us without televisions or washing machines. The crazies of God [Hezbollah] want to die anyway."

At the end of Lebanon's prolonged civil conflict, which all Lebanese are trying desperately to put behind them, the Christians turned on each other with demoralising brutality. Since the latest hostilities with Israel, Mrs Khouri has not crossed into mainly Muslim west Beirut.

Such action dismays the Government which has tried hard to forge a new nation from the ashes of civil war. A senior Lebanese official accused Israel of "trying to create new ethnic hatreds among the younger generation."



Flattering backdrop to Clinton star role

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

HAD it not been election year in America, President Clinton and South Korea's President Kim Young Sam might have been pictured around some dreary Seoul conference table.

As it was, their meeting took place on Monday on the more picturesque island of Cheju where they posed before a brilliant yellow mustard field offset by an American flag.

It was an image Americans will remember long after they have forgotten what the meeting was about. It cast Mr Clinton in a flattering light — calm, statesmanlike. Mark it down as another triumph for the half-dozen White House "lead advance people" whose job it is to search out visually arresting sites for presidential photo-opportunities.

It was they who had Mr Clinton and President Yeltsin gazing across the Hudson river at glorious autumn foliage when they met last October. It was they who had the shrubby cut back so Bill n' Boris could be photographed on a headland above the Pacific during their 1993 Vancouver summit. "We dream, and other people rein us in," says Josh King, Mr Clinton's grandly named Director of Production for Presidential Events.

Last month, when Mr Clinton attended an international anti-terrorism summit in Sinai, he took Mort Engelberg, a Hollywood producer. His shots of the President as world leader will doubtless resurface in campaign commercials this autumn.

Foreign travel gives Mr Clinton an enormous advantage over Bob Dole, its Republican opponent. It enables him to look thoroughly presidential as he mingles with other leaders. Mr Dole spent Monday campaigning in Pennsylvania, where he was pictured drinking a chocolate milkshake.

President Clinton arrived in Japan last night for talks designed to bind the two nations more closely in an effective strategy for the maintenance of stability in the Far East. Mr Clinton has to demonstrate that he is fighting hard for American access to Japan's closed markets.

Presidents Clinton and Kim Young Sam of South Korea on their way to a press conference yesterday after talks about tension in the Korean peninsula

North Korea rejects American peace call

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A PEACE initiative announced yesterday during President Clinton's visit to South Korea was immediately rejected by a senior North Korean official, increasing speculation about Pyongyang's intentions towards its southern neighbour.

After three incursions across the border by North Korean forces this month,

there are fears that Pyongyang may be considering a more ambitious military operation which would undermine all efforts to forge lasting peaceful relations between the two Koreas.

Mr Clinton and President Kim Young Sam of South Korea visited North Korea and China to join talks aimed at securing a permanent peace on the Korean peninsula. However, their peace initiative, unveiled on the South Korean resort

island of Cheju, immediately ran into trouble, when North Korea's Ambassador to Moscow dismissed it and Russia also insisted on a role. Mr Clinton said the talks could begin immediately and without conditions. He ruled out bilateral talks with Pyongyang.

Western intelligence services, attempting to predict North Korea's next moves, have not ruled out Pyongyang mounting a series of infiltrations.

Blast adds weight to ambitions of Imran

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

THE bomb that wrecked part of the Lahore hospital founded by Imran Khan has enhanced the former Pakistan cricketer's standing in a country that adores him. His enemies mis-calculation. His impending attempt to become Prime Minister, probably on a platform of Islamic conservatism, is both certain and viable.

The explosion demonstrates how serious a threat he is perceived to be. He seemed a misfit in his country before reinventing himself in the past year, and "King Khan", as he is known, has emerged as a symbol of hope for a nation gripped by drugs, poverty, amoral politics and virtual civil war. Discredited establishment politicians have good reason to fear a man of such impeccable record and mass appeal. Hence the bomb.

He criticises politicians of all parties, which is well received at the grassroots but it has created enemies for him. "They are corrupt to the core," he tells crowds. "They have devoured the wealth of this nation, yet they thirst for more. Hang me from the Minar-i-Pakistan if you find that I have embezzled any money from the hospital."

For more than a year he has been talking politics while denying political ambitions, but people are used to his inconsistencies. The party he is about to form will principally target Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, a feudal landlord for whom he has ill-disguised contempt.



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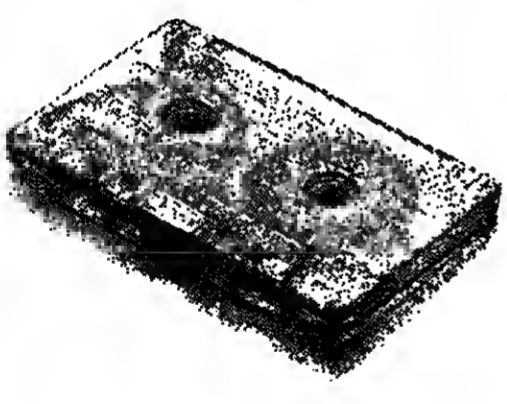
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English-speakers suffer wrath of Quebec militants

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ENGLISH-SPEAKERS in Montreal have been harried, fined and, in a handful of cases, threatened with death by militant French-speakers. Six months after the referendum on the sovereignty of Quebec, in which the French-backed independence movement narrowly failed to achieve "50 per cent plus one", there is unease among anglophones in the province's main city. Hospital closures and job losses have fuelled suspicions of anti-English prejudice among local bureaucrats.

A shadowy francophone organisation, the Mouvement de Libération du Québec, has blacklisted 22 companies it considers pro-English. Anonymous letters carrying a picture of an armed French revolutionary have been sent to some senior anglophone businessmen. A second list, of "enemies of the people", include the leaders of the anglophone Equality Party.

The Mouvement also published the home telephone number of an English-speaking black cartoonist who lampooned francophone leaders. The surname of the cartoonist is Bonaparte. Some of the francophone toughs who telephoned him not only accused him of being a racist but also threatened to kill him.

Keith Henderson, leader of the Equality Party, has had

the same experience. He answered his telephone at home one night to be told, by a gruff French voice, that "military means should be used to expunge your people from Quebec soil". Another advocate for anglophone rights, Brent Tyler, has had "up to four death threats, all made late at night", and a francophone lawyer who has shared a platform with Mr Tyler has been ostracised by his family.

Until now the aggression has been on the fringes, but the Office de la Langue Française, the "language police", clumsily cranked up tensions when its agents seized Passover supplies this month. The special cake mixes, biscuits and sweets, made in New York, did not have bilingual wrappings and were therefore illegal. One prominent Jew, Mark Kotler, said: "No one apologised for the raid. This was anti-Semitism."

English-speaking people are leaving the province. The English-language population of Quebec dropped from 789,185 in 1971 to 626,600 in 1991, and hearsay evidence suggests that the thrust for an independent Quebec has led others to leave this attractive city. It remains a pretty place to visit, but an ugliness dwells beneath the surface. Laurie Heitner, a frail old English-speaker, said she was becom-

ing used to francophones interrupting her conversations in public places and ordering: "Parlez français!"

Allegations of "ethnic cleansing" have been made in arbitration submissions against a Quebec branch of Teleglobe Canada, a telecommunications firm. At a French-run supermarket in a Montreal suburb, young English-speaking shop workers were abruptly sacked. With many anglophones in or approaching old age, there is concern about the closure of two-fifths of hospitals where English is spoken.

Mr Henderson, whose electorally slim party claims to have seen a boom in street-level support since October, says that the referendum "woke up anglophones". A recent party rally attracted 800 people and a meeting of party workers on Sunday saw energetic contributions from the floor.



The singer Madonna and Carlos Leon, the Cuban-born fitness club manager who is the father of her child

Madonna with child

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

UNLIKE a virgin, the singer Madonna, 37, has completed her metamorphosis from sex symbol to earth mother. She is four months pregnant and "deliriously happy", her publicist confirms.

As famous nowadays for sexual candour as for her pop songs, Madonna — full name Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone — announced her pregnancy in Budapest, where she is filming Alan Parker's version of the musical *Evita*.

The father of her child will be Carlos Leon, 29, a Cuban-born New York fitness club manager whom she met 18 months ago while jogging in Manhattan's Central Park. Madonna, who was married for four years to actor Sean Penn, and Mr Leon are equally delighted at the prospect, according to the singer's public relations team.

"Madonna doesn't want this to be a big deal, but I don't know how she thinks it won't be a big deal," Liz Rosenberg, her chief spokeswoman, told New York columnist Liz Smith.



Actress Patsy Kensit with Oasis singer Liam Gallagher

Oasis tour bogs down

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE American tour by Oasis, the British pop phenomenon, was in chaos yesterday after the lead guitarist was struck down by tonsillitis, forcing the cancellation of two concerts.

Thousands of fans of the band, touted as Britain's most exciting pop export since The Beatles, were disappointed when Oasis cancelled its Los Angeles concert barely two hours before it was due to start on Monday. Yesterday's concert in Phoenix, Arizona, was also cancelled, while ton-

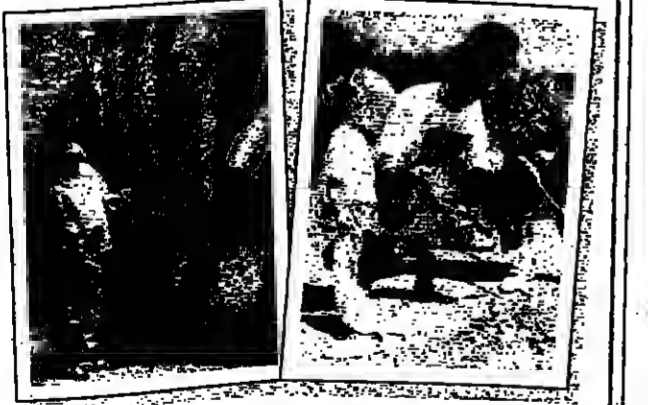
night's in Denver was at the mercy of guitarist Noel Gallagher's doctors.

The impression of a tour collapsing under the pressures of band members' personal problems was strengthened when actress Patsy Kensit, girlfriend of the lead singer, Liam, abruptly left the group to fly home to London. Ms Kensit, who is pregnant, shouted angrily at a photographer at Los Angeles airport before flying home alone. Her relationship reportedly had turned stormy.

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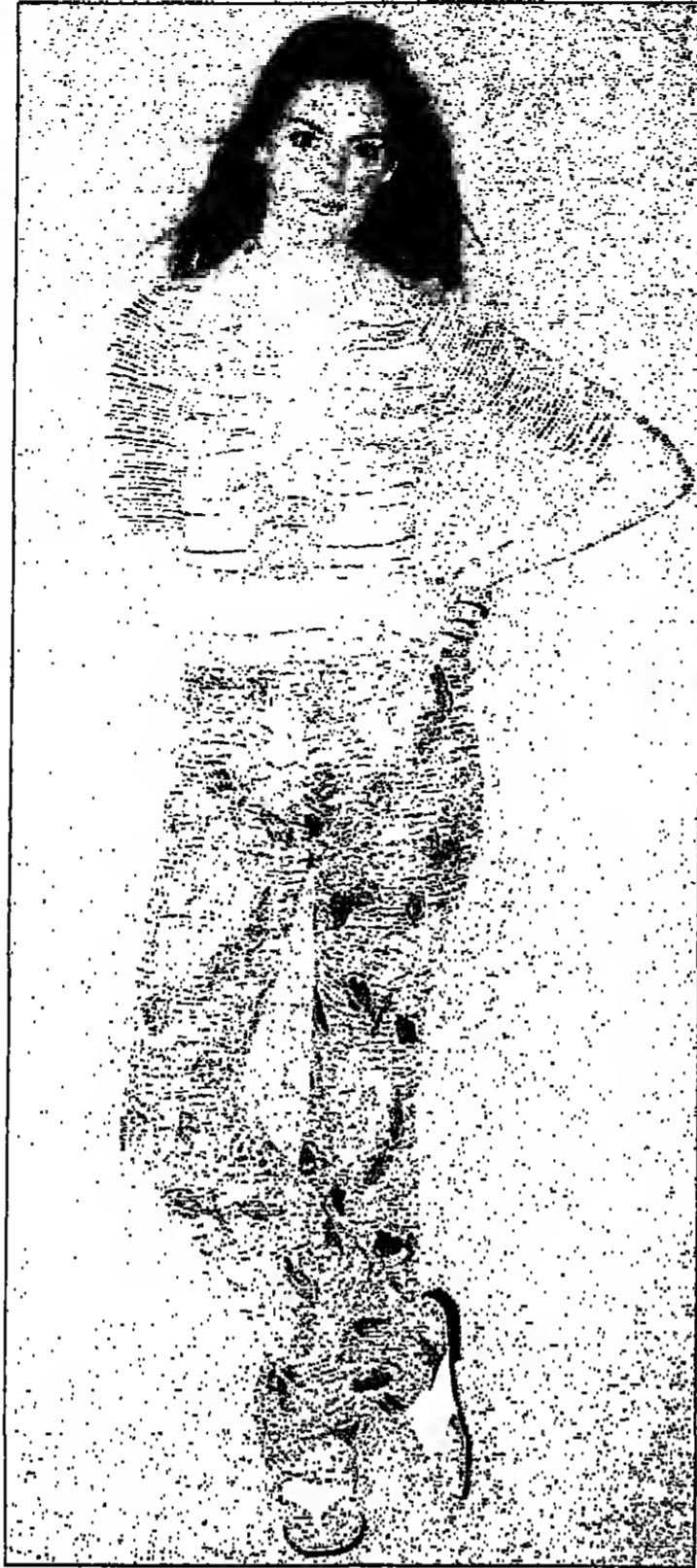
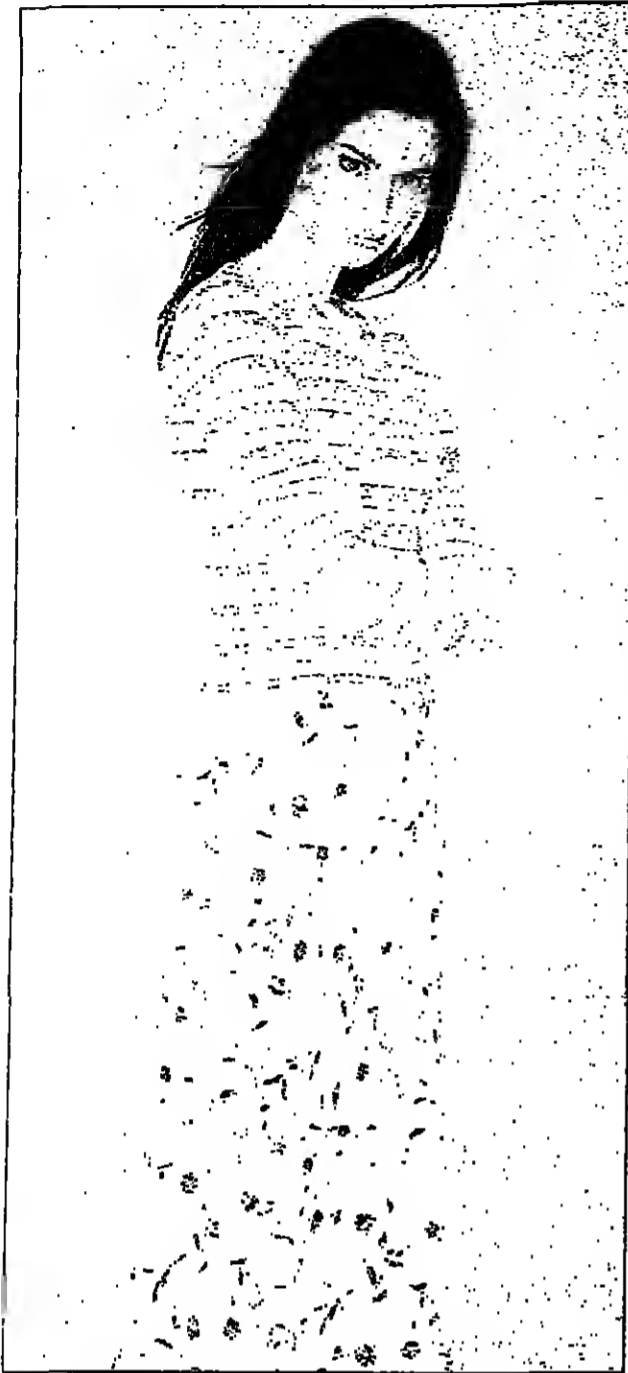
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Put away your little black numbers and think florals, stripes and wild, wild colour — the international catwalks are awash with every hue and pattern

Fashion journalist of the year



IAIN R. WEBB

This season, fashion editors the world over appear to be in a state of shock. If there was one unifying element which emerged during the latest collections from London, Paris, Milan and New York, it has to be the shock of colour... and lots of it. The front rows at the shows, a long liquorice lace of black, black and more black, were the antithesis of the winking citrus brights, shrieking neon shades and more practical pastel hues paraded on the catwalks. Print provided perhaps the

biggest shockwaves. Fashion has been plain, plain, plain for such a long time, with few designers breaking the minimalist mould. However, this season these wildly patterned outfits suddenly looked right again. The catwalks were awash with Technicolor dream-clothes: florals, stripes, checks, Pucci-style geometric patterns, animal prints and swirling scribble designs in the vibrant colours of a child's crayon box. Blistering and bright. Florals and stripes still provide the easiest entré to pat-

tern. They were certainly everywhere. Flower prints positively bloomed on the international catwalks. From Krizia's spriggy blooms on gauzy black chiffon spaghetti-strap dresses, or faded floral prints on flesh-coloured dresses, to Katharine Hamnett's flashy sequinned florals and the opulent beadwork of Giorgio Armani. In London the young design team Clements Ribetto used 1950s wallpaper designs as inspiration for their boldly patterned collection. At Gucci, designer Tom

Ford splashed pink, yellow and white paint-drip stripes on to hipsters worn with mismatched blue and white Op-Art stripe shirts. Gianni Versace featured citrus stripes in his Versus line, colouring silky shirtdresses and little knitted polo shirts. Even Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons, who is famous for her love affair with black, showed an unrelenting barrage of neon bright stripes. In America wacky Todd Oldham offered multicoloured sweetie-paper stripes and spiky Missoni-esque zigzags in apple green, dark pink and ochre. The Missoni connection is not accidental. The Italian husband and wife design team, Tai and Rosita Missoni, are celebrating 40 years in the business and a renewed interest in their colourful knitwear designs has surely provided the best birthday present they could have wished for. Suddenly hip young stylists are running around town in the duo's stripy skinny knits, and anyone over the age of 30 who owns one of their original designs is proudly parading it. The Missoni's look is instantly recognisable — psychedelic colourways knitted into computer-generated techno stripes, futuristic zigzags and graphic floral designs. While fashion persists in plundering the past and revisits the 1970s, the Missonis will continue to receive floral tributes of their own. Often designers mix the two, like Prada's teal blue, white and milk chocolate stripes worn with mauve and lime flowery prints. These outfits take a retro trip backwards in time. Think Susan Dey in *The Partridge Family*, the popular American TV show which starred David Cassidy, or back issues of *Look Now*, the 1980s teen fashion magazine. The look is essentially bright and cheerful. Happy, smily clothes for happy, smily people.



TOP FAR LEFT: Yellow, red and lime stripe sweater, £27, Benetton, selected branches. White floral print midi-skirt, £150, Sonia Rykiel — Inscrptions, Browns, 23-27 South Molton Street, W1 (0171 491 7833)



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Royalty, pain and the final farewell

The divorce of the Duke and Duchess of York has once again put the Royal Family back on a soap opera footing

NOW that the Church of England is considering offering services to help divorcees mark the end of their marriage, it must be presumed that divorce, even the divorce of a member of the Royal Family, has lost its power to shock. I do not say that divorce has lost its power to hurt; one would hate facetiously to sweep aside the anxieties and possible sufferings of children. But these are private concerns. The questions are: is the divorce of the Duke and Duchess of York a public concern? Should it be? The answer to both questions has to be no. Very few of us are untainted by an appetite for gossip, but that is not quite the same thing. But it does not and cannot matter to us whether Andrew and Fergie are joined or torn asunder. And it makes no difference constitutionally. Frankly, after the litany of disasters that constitute the Royal Family, one is too punch-drunk to muster much of a response. There have been too many gory details to read about over the past few years for one tidy little amputation now to raise many eyebrows.

The shock, anyway, came when the Yorks announced their separation. Their union had always been so publicly physical. During their engagement and in the early days of their marriage, they made it clear, obvious you could say, that they couldn't take their hands off one another. Of course, it may be that one should always be suspicious of those who make demonstrations of affection in public, but it seems that the closeness was genuine. Sex may not be everything, as we are constantly told these days, but it's not nothing, either. Marriages that fail are normally marriages which have foundered sexually.

From the outside, the Prince and Princess of Wales's marriage always looked like a cold union; their separation may have shocked more as a constitutional matter, but on a basic, human or emotional level, the failure of the Yorks' marriage gave more of a jolt. Even so, everything is sus-

ceptible to the law of diminishing returns. With each new instalment of the not so merry wives of Windsor, we are a little less shocked. The announcement of the Yorks' divorce comes so swiftly upon the story that they had an open marriage, and would continue to sleep with whomever they chose but also with one another, that it is hard not to deduce that there came an order from on high. In short, the divorce is an attempt at damage limitation. Is it too late for all that? It is hard not to conclude that enough damage has been done, that nothing anyone could do now could stop the rot. And yet, such talk would be rather beside the point. The Queen must surely be dismayed to have the monarchy held up to ridicule and to have her family lampooned. She must be irked that her children and their spouses have been brought, as it were, the game into disrepute. But whatever she does, however badly her children behave, is in fact of no consequence. It is important to remember that.

By which, I don't mean that the behaviour of the Royal Family might not appear to have ramifications, or that we might not have an opinion on it. But the point about our monarchy is that it exists and will continue to exist, regardless of how well or badly members of behave. It doesn't take a particularly good historian to see that it has survived jolts rather worse than a few infidelities and divorces. Story after story is printed about the rising unpopularity of the Royal Family, but the Royal Family doesn't depend on popularity for its existence. That's the whole point of it.

Similarly, there is no point ever asking — as countless polls do — whether we think the Prince of Wales would make a good King or not. Whatever we think is immaterial. These days, it doesn't do to look as if you scorn popular opinion. So I can see that the Royal Family must appear to pay lip service to it. But it cannot be more than that. Who marries whom, who divorces whom: none of this is to the point. If you believe in blue blood, then what does it matter in whose veins it flows? Much is spoken about incipient republicanism in this country. Why, it is said tremulously, the tabloids are just waiting for an excuse to get rid of the Royal Family. Quite

apart from the fact that it is hard to deduce exactly what anyone means by this — a palace coup by green-shaded editors and their hack-accomplices, perhaps — it seems unbelievable that there will ever be much pressure for the tabloids to destroy their chief source of copy. But again, we get back to the point: the outrage, real or more often feigned, provoked by the behaviour or marital history of members of the Royal Family

will really damage the Royal Family is unlikely. The Princess of Wales's evidence so far hardly puts the family in a good light, but while the adverse publicity may be distasteful to them, it cannot injure the monarchy.

A devout republican cannot be convinced we should have a monarchy however fine and upstanding individual members of the Royal Family might prove themselves to be, anymore than a monarchist would wish to overthrow the Royal Family on account of the bad behaviour of any of its number.

Those loyal to the crown might, it is true, wish for the Royal Family to behave better in the first place, but that is only because they would wish to maintain the fiction of its superiority. But even so, they know it is not really to do with that.

Besides, with getting on for half the married population due to divorce, it would seem strange to view the dissolution of a marriage as an evil which must on no account happen. One could indeed view this announcement of the Yorks' divorce as a concession to modern values, rather than a shock to the system. Upper-class philandering is not tolerated in the way

these days the middle classes want divorce and so this is what they must have. This may, then, be a purely cynical exercise. We can have no inkling as to whether the Duke and Duchess of York themselves wish it, nor can speculation make us any the wiser. Like most gestures of course, it is, as the cliché goes, an empty one. But I think it was ever apparent that if there had to be a sacrifice, it was always going to be poor Fergie.



Nigella Lawson

is simply a smokescreen. The divorce of the Yorks might well help the Royal Family, not because more leaks would damage it, but because it puts it all back on soap opera footing. Thus we're thrown off the real scent. It is bread and circuses.

The putative divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales is of a more serious nature. It does concern, after all, the heir to the throne and it does, or might seem to, throw up questions as to the succession. Whether in reality even that

At first, they couldn't take their hands off each other

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■ This month's new tax regulations are a load of rubbish

Here endeth the first week of the rest of my life. It endeth badly, and it bodeth worse: because the here it endeth at is beside the midnight dustbin, whence I can see stretched out before me enough boding to last until that moment when my life has no rest left. This is because what is literally stretched out before me, spread from the bin, ill-met by moonlight, is the domestic detritus of that first week. And, since you ask, the reason I have one hand inside this chicken carcass while the other is shaking old tea-bags onto the path is because Sunday night is when I do my accounts. I did not always do them in the dustbin, mind. I used to do them in the study, scribbling from memory into a little red book with a large Bell's in the first currently up the chicken, but that was in the blissful days before the first week of the rest of my life.

For it was also the first week of the rest of the Inland Revenue's life: the week it launched new tax obligations on the self-employed, obliging them henceforth to employ themselves primarily in the collection of every scrap of paper bearing upon their fiscal lives. Be they never so scrappy, these now have to be produced whenever the taxman decrees, they must be the originals, and they must be kept for six years on pain of a £3,000 fine, per annum, for non-production. I cannot, any longer, scribble "To purchase of Who's Who, £95" in my little red book in the sure and certain knowledge that, come next April, my kindly taxman will reimburse me 40 per cent for this essential professional handmaiden, I now have to show him the Waterstone bill which could well be inside this chicken, hang on, no it isn't, time to spread those old coffee grounds about a bit, but if that's where it is it'll be browned to illegibility by now, eliciting nothing from HM Inspector save an invitation to pull this one, never mind £3,000 for making an unsubstantiated claim.

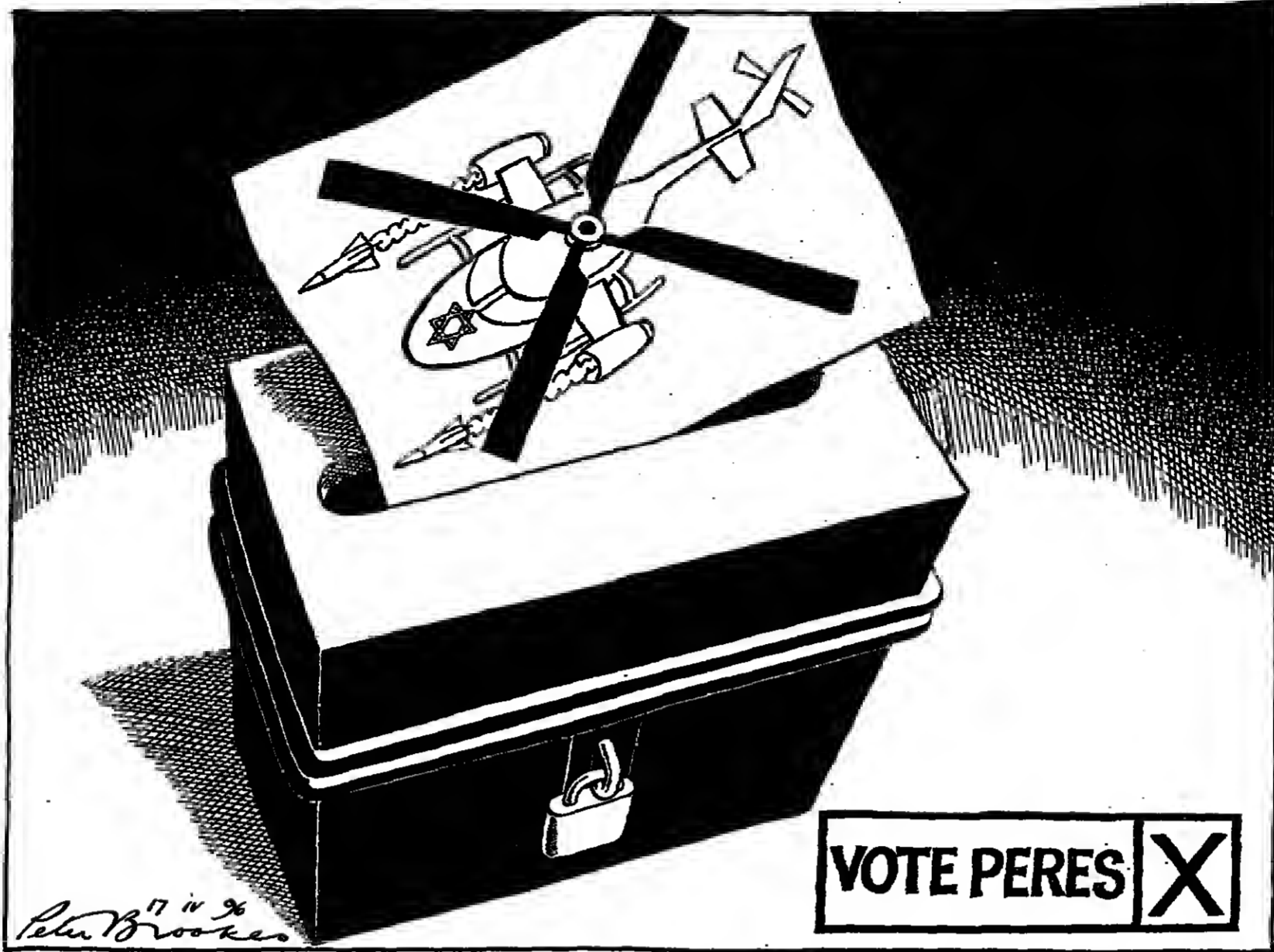
I know I had the bill when I came out of the shop on Wednesday, but all is a blank thereafter. I may have chewed it up on the bus, I have done that all my life with tickets, stared out of the window, chewed; this has not so far stopped me from claiming business travelling expenses, but it will now, it is goodbye staring and chewing. Her Majesty wants to see the tickets, chop-chop.

So did I, then, go on to the Waterstone bill as a main course, as I once followed an Awayday with a tasty dry-cleaning ticket, and the man said, trousers, what trousers? There's a different problem with Monday's newsagent bill. I went in to buy two box files, one to be neatly labelled "Outgoing", one "Incoming", for all my nice new paperwork, and I was going to make the bill for this professional outgoing the first to be punched and filed, until I looked at it and saw that it had not itemised two non-professional Mars bars and a carton of Silk Cut. It was just a globalised bill-receipt. I cannot file that, the inspector would be on it like a ferret. "£38.60 for box files, I was not born yesterday, sunshine, take him down!"

And I shall have to read all junk mail, now, I gather that, among all the air miles, free T-shirts, cut-price poloing breaks, prize socket-sets, etc. the building society, AA, BT, or whatever, often pops in a statement. You have to have these, now, or you get slung in poky.

I took a cab to the BBC on Tuesday, and, unprecedentedly, asked the driver for a receipt, whereupon he in his turn asked me to do him a favour, and drove off. I may have to give up cabs. And plumbers: the reason this chicken carcass is still whole is that the waste disposal is on the fritz. I am waiting for the plumber, cash, no receipt, but I still used to jot such items in the little red book. I got 10 per cent against household expenses. Try it now and the taxman could well contact the plumber for documentary corroboration, and the plumber would be round in my premises like a shot. A big man, never without a heavy spanner.

There's always the chance the Waterstone bill was in my shirt pocket. Something was, before it was a little soggy ball stuck in the washing machine filter. Might have been my bank statement, though, I remember thinking, it's an offence not to file these. I'll put it somewhere safe. Hitherto, of course, inside a chicken would have been as good a place as any. But not now. Now is the rest of my life.



Beef, butchery and Kafka

A ritual slaughter of our cattle herds merely to appease the EU insults the common sense of the British consumer

At last we have a hero in the great beef saga. He is that yeoman of the carvery, that Falstaff of the shires, the British beef eater. To hell with the headlines, he has said. To hell with "a million deaths" and "worse than AIDS", with equivocating ministers and squamish Eurocrats. To hell with the politics of unreason. Read the small print, says our hero. The risk in eating British beef is trivial. At the last count, sales of beef in the shops were at 85 per cent of the pre-scare levels and sales of steak and joints are actually up.

Over Easter I was reckless. I took my life in my hands and visited a farm. Many urban readers of this newspaper will be unaware of the fury of cattle farmers at what they see as the cross-ideology of the public debate on BSE. Almost every meadow in the West Country is planted with a placard, begging passers-by not to be deceived by publicity and pleading for the lives of its cows. I find it unimaginable that any London policymaker could have contemplated incinerating every cow in every field on every farm in Britain, and for so feeble a reason as to "restore public confidence".

Yesterday the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, promised the beef industry a cool £200 million in compensation for recent market disturbances. He all but nationalised the slaughterhouse industry with £110 million to save firms from bankruptcy. This is the sort of bailing out of overcapacity that Tories used to exhort Labour governments for. I cannot see any justification for this money. But then I cannot see any reason for denying British beef access to markets, nor for a policy of slaughter (which is said to be imminent), and I see absolutely none for compensating farmers or renderers with public money.

This industry took a calculated risk, widely acknowledged, in feeding offal tissue to cows. If farmers feel cheated by a supplier, they should do what other businesses do and sue. Farmers are not benefits claimants: not yet. Their incomes rose last year faster than any other occupational group — except perhaps utility executives. Milk quotas are ludicrously valuable. If an inspector closes a hotel or refuses a planning application or finds that a motor car has a faulty component, the victim does not run blubbing to the Government for money. He goes bankrupt. Why is the Treasury such a soft touch for farmers? Mr Hogg said there was no case for a mass cull of cattle. He was thinking in

terms of "tens of thousands", but only provided the European Union lifts its ban. Again compensation will be paid. But the BSE epidemic is declining fast. Any leakage into the food chain, if there has been one, took place in the 1980s. There is no basis in science or statistics or common sense for a cull. Since there is no rational basis for one, there is no basis for spending public money compensating farmers for one, wherever the money comes from. Governments should not use tax revenues as *ex gratia* payments to remove the risk from capitalism, let alone to induce foreign governments to honour their treaty obligations. Parliament may be a toothless watchdog in these matters, but it is the National Audit Office also asleep?

As for Europe, I am mystified at the Government's spinelessness. The instant ban on British beef imports to the Continent a month ago appeared to be justified by the European Farm Commissioner, Franz Fischler, on grounds of safety. Now he says it was public relations, "to restore market confidence". In other words, he opened his newspaper one morning, reads (or misreads) the scare comments of some scientist and feels he should act dramatically.

What is significant is that he felt under no obligation to allay the scare, but sought rather to legitimise it. The British Government was unwise to politicise the shift in scientific evidence announced by the BSE standing committee last month, a shift which came with advice that no change in policy was needed. The response from Brussels was to fall on this shift and have a fit of hysteria. A full Commission was summoned, followed by a meeting of the august Council of Ministers. Continental Europe went into its most gleeful mode, that of raging Anglophobia. It appeared to be willing on Britain the biggest systematic slaughter of living creatures in British history: of the nation's 12 million cows. I could sense the *Schadenfreude*

running through the French, German and Belgian Governments as each leapt into action to appease its gloating beef lobbies by banning British imports. French customs officials turned back trucks at Calais. The Germans, with more Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease cases than Britain, went berserk. The bans were blatant constraints on free trade, without legal justification. Seeking to alter market confidence — indeed distorting it by exaggerating risk — is no justification for a trade ban. The 30 per cent of British beef sales that go for export were stopped.

I hate generalised trade sanctions, but I have no doubt what Britain should have done next. After protests in the Council of Ministers had failed, the Cabinet should have retaliated by banning imports of continental beef. These happen to comprise 30 per cent of domestic consumption. That would have balanced the market and raised the negotiating ante.

Instead, Britain is in the hopeless position of not knowing how many healthy cattle it has to kill to get the ban lifted. British ministers must go to the next Luxembourg meeting with an offer to act irrationally (killing healthy cattle) so as to appease the irrationality of their critics, but without knowing how much irrationality (how many cattle) will do the trick.

When policy is motivated by hysteria and hysteria can be sated only by slaughter, there is no knowing where the bloodletting can end. I cannot imagine a better illustration of the madness to which Europe's farm policy has sunk. Some enthusiasts say repatriating agricultural policy to British control would be even worse. Rubbish.

Big government, be it in Whitehall or Brussels, boasts that it embodies reason and efficiency in public administration. It can see the wood above the trees. It can discount grubby local emotions. It can

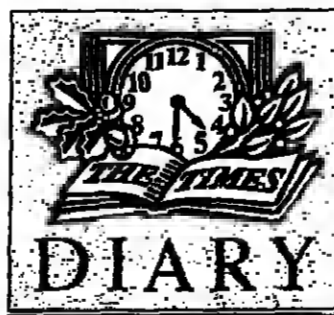
plan. The distant ruler has the freedom to be sane and the power to make sanity effective. Yet last month, Herr Fischler mimicked Kafka's trial judge. "You object that this is not a trial at all? You are right: it is only a trial when I recognise it as one." A trial is an institution of reason. Herr Fischler does not pretend to reason in this matter. He might have continued with his Kafka, as he shook his loaded wallet at Britain's farmers: "It is often better to be in chains than to be free."

This is madness. The more distant a decision from its point of implementation, the more likely it is to be irrational. The greater the unreason, the greater the error and the greater the likely cruelty. And when Europe-wide bodies act for reasons of "public relations", heaven help us all. I am sure innocent III ordered the Albigensian massacres to "restore public confidence", in the papacy, I am sure Catherine of Medici left the same about the Huguenots on St Bartholomew's Day. I am sure Mao's order to kill all of China's birds because they ate the crops was applauded by the apparitionists locked in the Great Hall of the People. An instruction to mass slaughter has long been a totem of the efficiency of central authority. The general knows that the order to kill — and to die — is the true test of loyalty. To impress his enemies, Taras Bulba butchered a hundred of his finest warriors. To impress his enemies, John Major will butcher ten thousand of his finest cows.

The public will view such slaughter with horror. The farmers' union, its eyes on compensation, may remark that "this crisis is now beyond the realm of science" and welcome a well-financed slaughter policy. Consumers are reacting with greater maturity. As with all food scares, they have hesitated, heard what they have been told and reacted with common sense. They regard beef as safe, and are eating it again. Europe's consumers will do so as well, in time. They will all blow raspberries at commissioners, ministers and lobbyists who claim to be privy to the confidence of the market.

Consumers are the market, and the market is working. It needs no assistance from Brussels, nor from those who want to turn the English countryside into a bovine charnel house. As for that charnel house, what has happened to veterinary ethics? When vets are told to kill healthy animals to appease Europe's politicians and help businesses with their "public relations", are they not subject to a Hippocratic oath?

Simon Jenkins



in the back of Redwood's car taking photographs, a strict security no-no. They were ordered to stop to receive their admonishment. The cars behind grew restless, being forced to nudge backwards and forwards in the ensuing bottleneck. Some were honking. In the car behind Redwood was the quite formidable Dame Janet Fookes, Deputy Speaker and MP for Plymouth Drake, whom one is not advised to incite to road rage. Eager to attend a Speaker's meeting, she found herself sandwiched. "I had to summon my composure," she said bravely. "But I was very British about it. I sat in the queue very patiently without complaining."

● Paddy Ashdown has been inspired by Forrest Gump, the celluloid idiot savant who coined the

phrase "stupid is as stupid does". Asked on the launch of his party's local election campaign on Monday whether he felt threatened by Tony Blair's stranglehold on the political centre, he replied — perhaps showing more idiot than savant — "Well, centre is as centre does."

Last lunch

POPEYE had his spinach. Wellington had his beef, but for England's cricketers, nothing will quite do like the food of Nancy Doyle. When the England team step out at Lord's this summer, however, they will be the first England side in 35 years to play at the ground without Mrs Doyle's vicarious churning inside them. The mistress of the roasting pan has retired.

Mrs Doyle's food was manly, good — and always served with chips. For the heartier sort of player, Ian Botham and Mike Gatting, for instance, third helpings were standard. "She has been a stern disciplinarian," says Dennis Silk, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board. "No cricketer dared to go into lunch improperly dressed because he knew Nancy would send him out to smarten up. Even



Mrs Doyle at home at Lord's

British Prime Ministers have cowered beneath her gaze. Nothing less than a place on the board of selectors will do for her.

● With the announcement that the divorce of the Duke and Duchess of York should be cleared by May, York precedent is being followed. The only other Duke of York to divorce was Henry VIII. The two wives who received the 16th-century equivalent of their divorce papers also did so in May.

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Tomorrow, in the Business section: Business, investment and finance.

Pensions made to measure

Anatole Kaletsky asks if Labour has a pot of gold

If Labour hopes to find a pot of gold to pay for improvements in public services, it has only one place to look. Britain's welfare state may be modest by European standards, but the combined cost to the taxpayer of health, pensions, social security and personal social services is still £130 billion a year, or 46 per cent of total public spending.

As one Labour leader told me, "we can sit here till doomsday and say we will govern without being tax-and-spenders, but we won't be able to prove it unless we can reform the welfare state."

Labour says it will save money by putting the jobless back to work. But with macroeconomic policies identical to the Tories — and business policies, such as the minimum wage, which will destroy jobs at the margin — why should we believe such claims? Training and education, even if successful, will help only in the very long term. Reforms in welfare itself could in principle encourage people to work, but Labour's policies in this area are not very different from the Tories'. For example, the vaunted idea of "carrot and stick" measures to get under-25s off the dole will depend entirely on the training carrots; the stick of a 40 per cent benefit cut for those who refuse already exists.

Yet Labour does have a chance to save big money on welfare, building on what the Tories have done. Confronted with growing welfare costs, the Tories said one thing and did two others.

They said they would root out all sorts of scroungers — homeless teenagers, unmarried mothers, refugees and nasty people of that kind. This produced big headlines but small savings. The two things the Tories did were more important: they tried to squeeze better value out of the health service by introducing commercial management, and they quietly restructured the state pension, putting it on a gradually declining trend.

The health experiment was, on balance, a failure, certainly in restoring



public confidence, and probably in reducing costs. Labour will partly reverse it. Some of the reasons for disappointment are similar to those in education: health cannot be rationed by money, and medical workers are motivated partly by non-commercial values. In principle, a market-based health system is hard to devise. In practice, no country has invented a commercial health system more efficient than the state-run NHS.

Labour's main plans can be briefly summed up as follows. The Tory split between health planning and delivery of services will be preserved, but the present renewable contracts between hospitals and health authorities will give way to long-term agreements. Fund-holding will be replaced by a new system of GP commissioning, with large numbers of GPs grouped together to buy services and manage their relations with the NHS. Whether these changes will restore public confidence in the health service is an open question, but in the short term further upheavals are bound to increase costs, even if they do eventually improve morale.

For any hope of saving money, therefore, Labour must turn to pensions. Here a genuine opportunity lies within Labour's grasp. The Tory reforms have tamed the growth of state pensions; so much so that in the next century a National Insurance surplus could make room for substantially lower taxes or higher spending on other programmes. But to continue making savings on state pensions, the government must ensure that people make private provision to stave off poverty in old age. A new "second tier" of private pensions is needed for millions of casual workers outside occupational schemes.

Here Labour's policy, to be announced in detail next month by Chris Smith, promises a genuine advance. The Tories, essentially, want the insurance industry to sell more personal pensions. Labour, however, believes — with good reason — that personal pensions are another instance of market failure: the sales costs of competing insurers make them prohibitively expensive compared with National Insurance or occupational schemes. Labour therefore proposes to create a small number of large and competing schemes, with costs regulated by the government, but investment left to the private sector. The Tories had hoped to portray Labour's pension plans as a new device for creeping nationalisation or covertly raising taxes. But these schemes will not be compulsory and investment will be privately managed.

If Labour managed to pull millions of casual and self-employed workers into pension schemes without compulsion, it could, with a clear conscience, allow the basic state pension to continue to wither away. Gradually there would be leeway for more public spending or lower taxes. The next Labour government, but two might even discover a crock of gold.

Rose blooms

DISPLAYING all the unorthodox energies he showed in the former Yugoslavia, General Sir Michael Rose seems to be thriving in his new job as the Army's Adjutant General. Speaking at a conference in London yesterday, he described two incidents which typify the Rose approach to what some might have thought would be a rather dreary desk job for the former SAS officer, overseeing personnel and discipline.

Rose told of the formidable sergeant-major of his own regiment, the Coldstream Guards, who took it upon himself to help his boss in his campaign to boost declining numbers.

Taking advantage of the cash bonuses which can be offered to soldiers as an incentive to stay in the Army, the sergeant-major lined up 45 guardsmen, who had requested to leave, in a room with two tables. On one table was a pile of banknotes. The other was bare. The guardsmen were told, Rose recounted, that they could leave by one door empty-handed or by the other with £1,000 if they stayed in the Army. "The soldiers took the money," crowed Rose.

On another recent occasion, Rose found himself chatting to a recruiting sergeant. Looking him straight in the eye, Rose asked whether he would be prepared to consider enlisting a teenager who had "taken away a bicycle, was drunk in charge of the bicycle, was riding it without lights". The sergeant, baffled at the question, said yes, he would. Right answer. "Good," said Rose, "because that was me."



● Political heroine of the week is Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, for her robust stance against the polished toasts of new Labour. Now more honours. Conservative Central Office has accorded her a nickname: "One Sandwich" Short.

Give him time

UNCONDITIONAL parental support is clearly not a quality admired in the Ingrams household. At an exhibition of works by Fred Ingrams in Chelsea on Monday, the artist's father, Richard, the crumpled editor of *The Oldie*, looked less than whetmed. Gazing at the lurid, cellulite-heavy nudes on display, he said: "I'm certainly not buying any. They are rather expensive for me. I might buy one in five years' time though, when he's come to his senses."

Beep beep

PARLIAMENT returned yesterday to find scenes from the Keystone Kops in New Palace Yard. The culprits were John Redwood, MP for Wokingham, and his ebullient aide de camp, Hywel Williams. As they pulled past security, one of the guards noticed someone

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STILL ON THE LINE

Louise Jensen's family is owed a better response from Britain

The killing in Cyprus of the young Danish woman, Louise Jensen, brought shame to the British Army. Although three soldiers of The Royal Green Jackets have been properly sentenced to life imprisonment for her abduction, rape and manslaughter, the stain on the Army's reputation has only grown in the days since their conviction by a Cypriot court in Larnaca. Jensen's dignified, grieving family have taken the view that the British authorities owe much more than the few words which have been uttered — many of them egregious — by army officers and ministers of the Crown. We agree.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, written yesterday by a friend of the Jensen family, the dead woman's parents have called the British Government to account for its indifference to her death and to the suffering of her family. "The British Army," the letter says, "and the British Government responsible for the Army's activities, have lost a tremendous amount of respect around the world." This last judgment is, alas, as damning as it is true.

On the day after the three killers were sentenced, we called on the authorities to ensure that Britain's carefully cultivated international reputation for disciplined, reliable soldiers was not placed in further jeopardy by insensitive army handling of Miss Jensen's killing. A perfect example of this clumsiness was provided, on the day the trial ended, by Brigadier Arthur Denaro, the deputy commander of the British forces on Cyprus. "This was an isolated and thoroughly horrendous case," he said, "but

nobody would blame the Army for what these men did." He compounded his folly by appealing to observers not to "get this incident out of perspective".

The only right perspective, however, is that of Miss Jensen's family. It is futile to tell them that there was no "failure" on the part of the Army. Of course there was failure and it was abject. As a correspondent pointed out on this page, "soldiers' behaviour is linked to their morale, which itself is linked to effective leadership". The three soldiers were found guilty of killing Miss Jensen: their officers stand guilty, too, of a failure to lead. Yet in his Adjutant-General's conference yesterday, General Sir Michael Rose — the Army Board member responsible for personnel and discipline — made scarcely a reference to the Jensen case.

In its poignant letter to John Major, the family ask whether "the British Army and the British Government intend to regain the respect lost by the appalling act of three professional soldiers under their administration and responsibility". They suggest, further, that the Army and Government "may retrieve some of their dignity by offering appropriate compensation". This would be both right and just. Foul and Anette Jensen, Louise's father and mother, should be compensated for their daughter's death — as a symbol of the nation's sense of responsibility. They are owed, also, a full and formal apology. In our article after the trial we said that the reputation of the British Army and its ability to do its job was on the line in Cyprus. It is still on the line.

GET SHORTY

The leadership fumes, but voters may like a little candour

The moment that Clare Short opened her mouth to talk about tax on Sunday morning, it was clear that the Tories would exploit her frankness. John Major delightedly used Ms Short's words against Tony Blair at Question Time yesterday. Her admission that people at her own level of income ought to pay more tax was jumped upon as smartly by her own party leadership as by the Conservatives. Conventional wisdom on both sides thinks that such remarks damage Labour voters; it is, I think, to believe that Mr Blair's party has a hidden agenda on tax which will only emerge once an election has been won.

Labour's media controllers now hold their breath whenever Ms Short appears on air. Whether she is calling for the legalisation of cannabis, criticising Harriet Harman's choice of school or advocating higher tax, her candour makes her a target. On Monday, she had to be kept away from a rail privatisation press conference lest it turn into a seminar on progressive tax rates.

The electorate may, however, be more sophisticated than party strategists think. People know that Gordon Brown, not Ms Short, will be Chancellor of the Exchequer should Labour win office. They know that Ms Short is famous for not being able to smother what she really believes in anodyne party puffery. That is part of what makes her popular. Ms Short's contributions could even be electorally valuable to Mr Blair.

They reassure potential and traditional Labour voters that a cause has not been entirely lost in new Labour's attempt to capture Tory ground. Some voters genuinely do believe that cannabis should be legalised; others think that richer people should pay more tax. They may suspect that Mr Blair disagrees; but Ms Short's frank admissions at least make them think that Labour is more on their side than are the Tories. Her little indiscretions allow some steam to escape from the pressure-cooker atmosphere

created by the Labour leader's insistence on strict discipline.

The Shadow Transport Secretary plays another useful role for Mr Blair. On internal party disputes, she has proved herself robustly loyal and capable of swinging the Left behind the leadership. At last year's party conference, her powerful speech in favour of the National Executive Committee's deselection of Liz Davies won for Mr Blair a vote that might easily have been lost. Unlike, say, Margaret Beckett, she is unwavering in the face of left-wing pressure.

If Mr Blair depends on Ms Short, so does she on him. Her constituency, Birmingham Ladywood, is one of four in that city whose local party has been suspended, while investigations are made into possible Asian vote-buying. The four constituencies are to be merged into three before the next election and there is strong pressure for one of the candidates to be Muslim. Ms Short needs the NEC, under Mr Blair's instruction, to impose her on one of the constituencies so that she can remain in Parliament.

So this relationship between Ms Short and her leader, which began in hostility, has developed into a convergence of interest. The two are also friendlier to each other than they were in the past. Each admires the other's qualities, and Ms Short candidly admits that "I changed my mind about Tony Blair".

Of course collective responsibility is necessary for smooth government. Ms Short's behaviour is only on the cusp of acceptability, and she has already had to resign twice from the front bench because she disagreed with the party line. But there has to be room in political life for the occasional maverick. On a wall in her house she displays the Mark Twain line that "loyalty to a petrified opinion never broke a chain or fired a human soul"; she has surely something to offer the constrained and soulless world of Westminster politics.

OUT OF THE SUN

A marriage that was never made for poetry

"Upon this day in Westminster that brings the Prince his Bride. Out of the sun there swoops a song that cannot be denied"; thus did the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, begin his song to mark the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York in the summer of 1986. It was not his finest work, but as the years went by, the subject of the poem came easily to match the awfulness of its lines.

In the years since that initial brightness faded, the marriage has brought little but dispute upon the Duke's long-suffering mother and the institution over which she presides. The same television sets which the poet described as trembling on the day of the wedding were last night replaying the infamous *royals vs a Knockout* programme. Those holiday camp scenes were the first step down the steep hill of diminishing public respect: others quickly followed. Almost as soon as the country had "dried its eyes" after the ceremony, this royal couple eyes" after the ceremony, it seemed, to dignified, the most determined, it seemed, to shrug off the mystique in which the family had deliberately, according to Bagehotian principles, been shrouded.

Almost every step that they took jarred with the accepted behaviour of the Royal Family. Their home in Windsor Great Park was described as a cross between a drive-in burger bar and an out-of-town Tesco store. Their fondness for expensive holidays, untempered by conspicuous devotion to charitable duties, lent them a reputation for extravagance and frivolity. Not long after the birth of their two daughters it became clear that their marriage was doomed.

Not all the fault was theirs. Expectations were too high; the preparation was too little. But the Duchess in particular did little that endeared herself to the British public and much that did not. Her coverings, in front of her children, with John Bryan, her "financial adviser", could not easily be defended on the ground that the long lens of a press photographer had intruded too far. Her commercial dealings and hunger for money added to the unpopularity of the younger royals and the tarnishing of the family's image.

All sympathy is due to the Queen who, only days before her 70th birthday, must endure further reminders of the failure of her children's marriages and further contemplation of the effect of these break-ups on the institution which she represents. She herself has been irreproachable in her conduct as monarch and can still tap a deep vein of public loyalty and support. Yet she must rue the day that the concept of a Royal Family rather than simply a monarchy was invented. Bagehot thought it a useful device for ensuring the endurance of the Crown. But should the public ever tire of Britain's constitutional monarch, the fault will lie not with the Queen but with her offspring.

In July ten years ago *The Times* wished Prince Andrew and his wife every happiness in words barely less optimistic if somewhat less colourful than the Poet Laureate's. It would be unkind to wish them any less happiness today. It is their saving grace that, unlike the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess have managed to remain on good terms — at least with each other.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Change of attitude to young offenders

From Ms Helen Edwards

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Making friends of the friends", April 11) rightly points out the futility of much of our response to youth violence.

Focusing all our attention and most of our resources on locking up young offenders for longer periods may appear to offer the public more protection but will have little impact on the problem of violent crime and may even make matters worse.

In Scotland the children's panel system offers a more promising way forward: it seeks to involve everyone in the case to ensure that the young person changes his or her behaviour. We should certainly be prepared to learn from this sensible approach, but we need to go even further to tackle the underlying reasons why young people engage in antisocial behaviour and appear to show little respect for themselves or for other people.

Rather than simply banishing them from society, a current policy seems to suggest, we should seek to reintegrate young people, especially young men. One of the most tangible ways is to give them a realistic prospect of achieving a job. This is one of the best crime-prevention measures for a safer community and will encourage young people to learn self-respect and self-worth.

Yours,
HELEN EDWARDS
(Director of Communications),
National Association for the Care
and Resettlement of Offenders,
169 Clapham Road, SW9,
April 12.

From Miss Julie Daniels

Sir, Magnus Linklater's article touched a raw nerve. The failings of society and the resultant production of "a generation without rules" is a moot point.

I came from what many would describe as a deprived background (inner-city Liverpool, no parental support, very little money) and the values that society failed to provide were instilled by my mother.

The basic manners, morals and rules one should learn as a child were to be found at home. Society was not expected to play that role.

To describe the desecration of a graveyard as avenging a sense of loss is puzzling. Such children have never been taught the values most of us take as the essential foundation of living in a civilised world and consequently satisfy destructive urges that have never been checked.

I agree that the Scottish children's panel system seems better than the system in England and Wales and that its example should be followed. However, society is perhaps to blame for eroding rules which frowned upon premarital pregnancy, bad language and disrespectful behaviour.

The attention paid over recent decades to civil liberty has played its part in the lawlessness Magnus Linklater describes. Because of the loosening of legal restraints and withdrawal of discipline (especially in schools), police and teachers are no longer the figures of respect they once were. Many parents of delinquent children cynically reinforce this attitude. Urgent action to put the responsibility back on to them by means of legal and financial penalties is imperative if we are to stop this decline.

Yours sincerely,
JULIE DANIELS,
9 Leerdam Drive, E14,
April 12.

Justice at Strasbourg

From Sir Michael Davies

Sir, We should all wish Lord Mackay of Clashfern well in his attempt to curb the wider excesses of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg (report, April 9). This court suffers from three fatal defects.

First, there is no appeal from its decisions: unchecked tribunals at any level inevitably become arrogant and self-satisfied. Second, most of its judges are academics, who are notoriously bad at judging. Third, its rulings and language make it clear that its judges are not truly independent but fanatically devoted to the federalistic concept.

Unless these problems are firmly addressed and radically solved, the future is gloomy indeed.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DAVIES,
6 Stone Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2,
April 9.

Blasphemy law

From Mr John Bell

Sir, Mr Roy Edey writes (letter, April 10) that "it is necessary for the protection of society to have criminal sanctions against an insult so grave to one's faith that it is likely to cause a breach of the peace".

What happened to "turning the other cheek"?
Yours faithfully,
JOHN BELL,
The Hall, Thirsk, North Yorkshire,
April 10.

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Modern means of attracting youngsters to the Church

From Mr John Pearman

Sir, You are probably correct in arguing (leading article, "The empty pew", April 11) that restless innovation will not reverse the Anglican Church's decline.

In the Dark Ages Christianity moved into the monasteries. In medieval times it moved out of the monasteries into the parish churches. What we are now seeing is Christianity moving out of the churches into the real world. Perhaps it is our young people who are the first to sense this healthy and necessary evolution.

Twenty-five years of teaching religious studies in boys' secondary schools has taught me that modern teenagers are becoming more rather than less spiritual in their modes of intelligence. But their interest is in Christianity, not in "churchianity" or priestcraft.

Most present-day youngsters are influenced more by spiritually-minded human beings engaged in the real world than by priests. Educated teenagers, particularly those who have attended church schools, don't seem to know what priests are for.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PEARMAN,
10 Hamlet Court,
23 Village Road, Enfield, Middlesex,
April 11.

From Mr David Burgin

Sir, I was concerned to read (report, April 11) that the Church of England is concerned about the drop in younger members because it "threatens the future of Anglicanism".

This surely highlights the reason for the drop, in that the Church is more concerned about its own future than bringing the good news about God's love to young people to save them from a future of hopelessness.

Legislation to protect children and deter the 'sex tourist'

From Mr Allan Levy, QC

Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnston's article, "An end to child sex tourism" (April 10), repeated the strong recommendations put forward at a Stief Foundation conference on the topic held in London last February; in particular that the proposed government-backed legislation should be amended to permit the courts here to try alleged sex offences committed against children overseas.

Ironically, in wrongly stating that child prostitution "is ruthlessly legislated against in Britain, but people travel abroad... to feed their tastes", Ms Campbell-Johnston identifies by default one of the great scandals in this country in the 1990s: the extent of child prostitution in our cities and particularly the fact that many of the children are in care. That these children, clearly identified in recent reports and television programmes, are not better helped and protected is a national disgrace and requires urgent attention.

A strong argument against limiting the legislation to conspiracy or incitement to commit sexual acts outside the UK is that research shows that most so-called sex tourists travel independently or on ordinary package tours and not in groups organised for unlawful sexual purposes.

The Government has a strong duty to follow the example of 12 other countries, including New Zealand, Australia and the USA, and pass extraterritorial legislation.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN LEVY,
17 Bedford Row, WC1,
April 10.

From Ms Anne Badger

Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnston's article highlighted the reluctance of the British Government, because of the perceived practical difficulties involved, to follow the lead taken by 12 other tourist-sending countries in introducing legislation which would enable the prosecution in British courts of those who travel abroad to sexually exploit children.

These other countries clearly believe any practical difficulties can be overcome and are not real obstacles to such legislation. Australia has two prosecutions under way, using its legislation.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. STEVENSON, President,
British Veterinary Association,
7 Mansfield Street, W1,
April 15.

Library at risk

From Ms Susan Howatch and others

Sir, Our concerns about the public library service in this country have recently been exacerbated by Westminster City Council's plans to close Great Smith Street Library, believed to be the oldest library in London.

Over the last year this excellent, heavily used library has been deliberately run down: opening hours have been shortened and the number of permanent staff halved, the reference library scarcely exists, the inquiry desk is staffed only at peak times and the lending book stock tragically depleted. The one part of the library that has grown is the entertainment section — videos, CDs and cassettes, mostly of a popular nature.

Public libraries are apparently now

With this attitude we don't even deserve the young people we have got and have drifted very far from Christ's great commission to take the love of God into the whole world.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BURGIN,
Brookdale,
64 Longhurst Lane,
Maple Bridge, Stockport, Cheshire,
April 12.

From Mr Giles Wingate-Saul, QC

Sir, A greater involvement of ordinary members will probably take the Church back nearer its roots. At St Paul's, Rusland, we parishioners take our own family services once a month; none of us who take them is trained.

We aim to ensure that the children in this tiny parish enjoy the service and that it contains some Christian message usually more to do with conduct than with catechism. Afterwards they play "dig" in the churchyard and I like to think that those who lie there enjoy their laughter.

The children ring the bell. (We have had to mend the rope twice, they are so keen.) They like to take the collection; in short they like to be involved. We will attract children only if we involve them in our worship. If we preach at them we make life more difficult for ourselves.

We have no parish priest but a retired canon takes our monthly Communion service and tries to ensure that we do not stumble.

Is the real issue not what the Church can do for us and our young but what we can do for the Church?

Yours truly,
G. W. WINGATE-SAUL,
The Dower House, Whitestock,
Rusland, Ulverston, Cumbria,
April 12.

From the Reverend B. H. Adams

Sir, There is much to agree with in your leader. Certainly more "resources" will not attract young people to our churches and the preaching of the gospel is vital, but I cannot think that salvation lies simply in the King James version and the Book of Common Prayer.

There are many reasons why young people are not in our churches: peer pressure (it is not "cool" to go to church); lack of parental example; the erosion of Sunday as a day apart; greater mobility; sport and leisure activities; the shortage of and pressure on clergy so that young people get little of their time; a lack of Christian youth leaders; the collapse of Christianity in the secondary schools and so on.

Young people do have a deep interest in Christianity, as evidenced by thousands who attend Greenbelt, Spring Harvest and Soul Survivor, national events which the media seem to ignore or disparage. In our three country parishes we have a group of young people who meet each Sunday evening. Last month they organised a successful weekend specifically to evangelise their peers.

The Church, I believe, must make room for young people to worship in their own style. As they mature they come to see the value of more structured worship. It is important to maintain a variety of liturgies, with the King James Version and Book of Common prayer as important ingredients, but it is a deep cultural change which is at the heart of the problem and we cannot simply put the clock back.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN ADAMS,
The Vicarage,
Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset,
April 11.

Other countries continue to follow the example and similar legislation will soon be passed in Italy and Ireland. Last week Canada's Foreign Minister announced to the UN Human Rights Commission that Canada, too, is now pledged to introduce this extraterritorial legislation, and made reference to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as providing a sufficient basis for this extension of jurisdiction to deal specifically with child sex tourism.

Britain ratified this Convention in 1991. The Coalition on Child Prostitution and Tourism, which represents seven major charities, believes that surely, with the forthcoming World Congress in Stockholm, it is now time for the Government to move beyond reluctance to positive action and introduce legislation to target child sex offenders in Britain.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE BADGER
(Campaign Co-ordinator),
Coalition on Child Prostitution
and Tourism),
Unit 4, The Stableyard,
Broomgrove Road, SW9,
April 10.

Saudi dissident

From Mr J. S. F. Parker

Sir, Like Mr Robin Morris (letter, April 9) I have lived and worked in Middle Eastern countries, but I cannot follow the sequence of his thought that aliens in those countries are rightly penalised for breaking their laws and his seeming to want such "rules" applied in Great Britain.

How does he know that the people of Saudi Arabia "do not wish" to have a culture anything like that of the West? Have their wishes been consulted?

Yours obedient servant,
JOHN PARKER,
8 Holly Terrace, York,
April 9.

Pining away

From Mrs Henry Moore

Sir, Your Deaths announcements for April 11 include that of the sudden demise of Pine, Corsican, aged 110 years. Although not as old as that planted at Arley Castle, Worcestershire, in 1820 (*Beans, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, 1976) it is touching that it was so treasured as to rank an entry in your columns.

I hope the mourner will plant a successor to be equally loved by generations to come.

Yours faithfully,
CECILY MOORE,
Shucknall Court, Hereford,
April 12.

Never too late

From Mr John Orton

Sir, The good news in today's *Times* is the job ad for Voluntary Service Overseas that specifies an upper age limit of 70 years. The bad news is that it is unpaid ("a modest living allowance") and that the locations on offer are Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia or Nepal.

Well, beggars can't be choosers, I suppose.

Yours etc,
JOHN ORTON,
37 Chadacre Avenue,
Clayhall, Ilford, Essex,
April 15.

One or the other

From Mrs C. A. R. Lancelyn Green

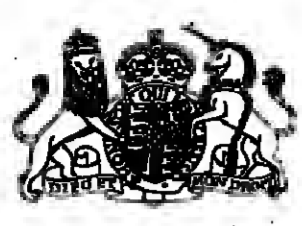
Sir, When my students are all ready to start a lesson, they have not already started (Mr Gershon Ellenbogen's letter, April 12). When they recite all together, it can sound altogether splendid. If they play tag, they can't all be "it", albeit they are a bit old for such games.

I hope, when they answer their test questions, they get the answers all

right: merely getting them alright would not satisfy my high standards.

People like Mr Ellenbogen should pay more attention to the differences between adverbs and pronouns before trying to alter spellings. The colloquial alright, meaning "OK" or acceptable, does not mean the same as all right, and I hope it never does.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. R. LANCELYN GREEN,
Poulton Hall,
Poulton Lancelyn, Bebbington, Wirral.



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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 16: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the St George's House Council...

Royal engagements
The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Southampton Oceanography Centre...

School news
Brentwood School
Trinity Term begins today. The Choir Society will sing Mozart's Requiem...

Memorial service

Mr Anthony Nares
Prince Michael of Kent was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Christopher Thompson...

ON a dolorous, windy moor east of Inverness, a silent army of latterday clansmen almost as numerous as the original, yesterday stood in memory of the dead of Culloden...

Most of the mourners wore the traditional Highland dress that was savagely proscribed for more than 75 years in the aftermath of defeat...

Many were close to tears as the mournful lament of the bagpipes, played on pain of death in the years after Culloden, drifted across the air...

Scots recall the bloodiest battle fought on their soil

By ALAN HAMILTON



A clansman re-enacting his forefathers' stand at Culloden 250 years ago

Defeat ushered in years of cruel suppression in the Highlands, paving the way for the arrival of lowland Scottish and English sheep farmers who chased the remaining peasantry from their ancestral crops...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.W. Bartlett and Miss C. Gascoigne
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Bartlett of Hinton, Somerset...

Exotic plants make up for missing hosts of daffodils

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Horticultural Society's flower show in mid-April usually has a host of daffodils from well-known trade growers...

Gold medals have been awarded to Burmese Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall (Irene and Richard), for their exhibition of plants...

Marriage

Mr S. MacCallum and Miss A. McEwan
The marriage took place on April 6, 1996, at the Mucklain Church, Perth...

Birthdays today

Mrs Sivarama Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 82; Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 66; Mr John Barrett, tennis commentator, 65...

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, excavated Ur of the Chaldees, London, 1880; Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the Soviet Union, 1928-04, Kalinin, 1894; Billy Fury, singer, 1924, London, 1941...

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ARRELL - Mrs Maud Beattie (nee Goodwin), beloved mother of Ian, peacefully and bravely...

DEATHS
CORNUM - Paul died peacefully on 11th April 1996 aged 81 years, beloved husband of Joan...

DEATHS
KRALING - On Monday, 16th April, 1996, after a short illness, Prudence, beloved wife of the late...

DEATHS
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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR GEORGE CUSHING

George Cushing, Professor of Hungarian Studies at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London University, 1978-86, died on April 12 aged 73. He was born on February 17, 1923.

FOR many years Britain's leading scholar in the field of Hungarian language and literature, George Cushing was regarded as having a command of that glorious yet tortuous language surpassing that of anyone else of non-Hungarian descent.

Through his translations he made Hungarian literature accessible to a wider public in this country. He did much, as a stalwart friend of Hungary and as chairman for a time of the British Hungarian Society, to promote better understanding between Britain and Hungary.

George Cushing was born in Nottingham, the son of a Methodist clergyman. He won scholarships to Nottingham High School and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he read Classics.

When he came down from Cambridge in 1947, Cushing turned back at once to his Hungarian, and to the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at London University where he had learnt it. He was to spend almost all his academic life at SSEES.

At the Eötvös College, Cushing turned his academic knowledge of Hungarian into a living, warm relationship with Hungary and its people. With the Soviet Union breathing down its neck, Hungary was slipping fast



into totalitarianism. Its intellectuals lived every day as if it might be their last. In the heady, anxious atmosphere of Eötvös College, Cushing established many of the Hungarian friendships which accompanied him right through life.

The circumstances of his departure from Budapest were typical of the man. He encountered a group of British young people of the left who were in Hungary on an official visit. He concluded that their hosts were giving them an incomplete picture of the situation and took it upon himself to show them other, less favourable, aspects of what was happening. The expedition came to official notice, and

in 1949 Cushing was expelled from Hungary.

Thereafter Cushing worked on Hungarian Language and Literature at SSEES for four decades. By 1976 he had become chairman of the department of East European Languages and, two years later, a full professor. Although he retired as Professor of Hungarian Studies in 1986, he continued working at SSEES into the present decade, and was in regular touch with his colleagues there until he died.

Cushing brought to his work as a teacher, scholar, writer and translator all the kindness, single-mindedness and clarity of expression of an eccentric bachelor professor who might be

found in the pages of some Victorian or Edwardian novel. His love of his subject conquered any reservation.

His translations brought the work of a number of Hungarian writers to wider notice among English readers, in particular that of the great 19th-century poet and revolutionary, Sándor Petöfi, and the 20th-century dissident writer Gyula Illyés. He translated *Puszták népe* (1936), the latter's classic, largely autobiographical, study of the Hungarian agricultural labouring classes — often little more than the serfs of the large estate owners — among whom he grew up, as *People of the Fuzsát* in 1967. It was widely regarded as being unsurpassable for its insight and the vividness of its language. He also translated Illyés's magisterial biography of Petöfi. And in the columns of the learned magazines he went on, as the years went by, unravelling complex linguistic issues such as — to quote the title of one of his obscure masterpieces — *The Desiderative in Hungarian*.

Naturally enough, Cushing travelled regularly to Hungary. He suffered when harm was done to it in the hard years, and rejoiced when in the end it emerged into the light of full sovereignty, democracy and freedom. He knew the country intimately and loved to recount some of the oddities and quiddities of its complex history. He numbered a great variety of Hungarians among his admirers and friends.

To them he was more than just a great Hungarian scholar and friend of Hungary. He was also the archetype of the old-fashioned academic Englishman, a precise scholar who could nevertheless converse with flashes of subtle wit.

Cushing made his home in Chislehurst. From it he sallied forth to SSEES; to provide grateful congregations in Methodist churches with masterly performances on the organ; to do his share of work for the Methodist Church (on whose international affairs committee he served for many years); and to visit a great army of adoring grandchildren.

He never married.

CHARLOTTE BENTLEY

Charlotte Beady, MBE, campaigner for the rights of enrolled nurses, died on March 20 aged 80. She was born on December 15, 1915.



CHARLOTTE BENTLEY was a nurse with a mission. While she was training at the Royal Free Hospital, London, she was an agitator who became national chairman of the Student Nurses Association, leading the fight for nurses who were in training to become State Registered Nurses to be given student status.

After qualifying she turned her political attention to the underdogs of ward staff — the State Enrolled Assistant Nurses, a lower grade than SRNs, created by the Nurses Act 1943. She transformed their status both in hospital and in the community.

When she was appointed general secretary of the National Association of State Enrolled Assistant Nurses in 1955, the organisation was in so precarious a state that there had to be a whip-round to pay her first year's salary. This was an investment which rapidly paid off.

With a robust fighter for their cause the National Association of State Enrolled Assistant Nurses first got the demeaning word "assistant" removed from their title by a Private Member's Bill introduced in the Commons by the redoubtable Dame Irene Ward. National conferences of enrolled nurses were arranged, raising their profile in the profession. Charlotte Bentley did not hesitate to criticise any matron whom she considered not to be treating enrolled nurses fairly or to be exploiting them.

But she also brought ma-

her dog-with-a-bone persistence on issues affecting enrolled nurses.

She always maintained that enrolled and state registered nurses each had a place. But the distinction is now virtually a dead letter. When the United Kingdom Central Council for Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors took over from the General Nursing Councils for England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland in 1983, following the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979, every nurse was brought into parts of one register and the roll was abolished, although the differentiation remained.

Today, however, there are no enrolments of pupil nurses for training for the enrolled sections of the register, and many enrolled nurses have converted to registered general nurses. Yet, in a sense, the enrolled nurse category of the 1940s is being reinvented, with the introduction of the National Vocational Qualification for health workers — whose holders may in the future need someone like Charlotte Bentley to fight their cause.

At the Association of Enrolled Nurses her first patron had been Edwina Mountbatten, wife of Earl Mountbatten. Fittingly, when she retired from the Royal College of Nursing in 1977, she became secretary of the nursing sub-committee of the Edwina Mountbatten Trust.

Later Charlotte Bentley suffered from Parkinson's disease. Throughout her life she was an atheist. She never attended church services at the national association conferences — "I would be a hypocrite if I did," she said with typical forthrightness. She never married and leaves no survivors.

LORD HADEN-GUEST

Peter Haden-Guest, 4th Lord Haden-Guest and UN official, 1946-72, died on April 15 aged 82. He was born on August 29, 1913.

DESPITE the fact that Peter Haden-Guest spent most of his life in America, where he worked at a senior level in the United Nations, he remained the quintessential Englishman in manner and habits. But he combined his Englishness with a cosmopolitan outlook. When he succeeded his brother Richard, the 3rd Lord Haden-Guest, to the barony in 1987, he used his seat as a backbencher in the House of Lords to debate foreign matters.

He had grown up in an intellectual, bohemian family. Peter Haden-Guest was the youngest of five children of the 1st Baron, Leslie Haden-Guest, a pioneering physician in child healthcare and Labour MP, who had met Lenin and Trotsky when he visited the Soviet Union in 1920. His mother, Camell, was a novelist and playwright. His parents were well-known in Fabian and literary circles and enter-

tained Ramsay MacDonald, George Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells and Rebecca West.

Haden-Guest was educated at the City of London School and at New College, Oxford, where he read History. However, from the age of 17 his main passion was ballet which he studied in London, and which drew him away — with the complete support of his family — from a more orthodox career path. He was a friend of Dame Margot Fonteyn, and in 1935 joined the Markova-Dolin Ballet. He danced with other companies in England and France for the next six years, including Ballet Divertissement, Ballet Theatre, Ballet Jooss, and the Repertory Dance Theatre.

Occasionally he was given a principal role, and he could certainly have made a longer career in dance had the war not intervened. But the outbreak of hostilities found him living in America, and he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, serving in Intelligence as a lieutenant and stationed in Ottawa.

After the war he settled permanently in New York, living in a flat in Greenwich



Village. He had been briefly married to Elizabeth Louise Coker and had one son, but that marriage ended in divorce. In 1945 he married Jean Pauline Hindes, who was then

working in theatre production on Broadway. Later she had a career in television, becoming vice-president of CBS from 1976 to 1986.

In 1946 Haden-Guest joined

the Secretariat of the United Nations in New York. There were various overseas assignments so that, although New York was his official home, he did not spend such long, uninterrupted periods there as to become in any way Americanised. He visited Santiago, Chile, in 1950, Bangkok in the late 1950s, and the UN offices in Geneva in 1967.

His position was as Chief of Editorial Control, overseeing the output of UN literature in French and English. It was a job which admirably combined his editorial talents with his interest in history and current affairs. He was patient and gentle to his staff, quietly-spoken and unassuming. But once his reserve was broken down — which was quickly — he often took people by surprise with his talent for mimicry and his outrageous sense of humour. He retained those English habits which suited him, always stopping for tea in the afternoon, whatever business there was left to do, and remaining loyal to English food, which his wife had to scour Manhattan to buy. He never had any trace of an American accent.

He retired from the UN in 1972, and from then on divided his time between a house in East Hampton, where he would swim across the bay daily, and California, where he had grandchildren, and where his wife was taken by business. In 1987 he inherited the barony on the death of his brother Richard, and took his seat in the House of Lords. He visited London every year, but his favourite home remained East Hampton. In old age, being blessed with remarkably robust health, he still had an abundance of energy, and would go dancing every week. Recently he had been writing a memoir about his childhood. He is survived by his wife, and by three sons and a daughter. His son Christopher Haden-Guest, who is married to the actress Jamie Lee Curtis, succeeds him to the barony.

PROFESSOR JACK KITCHING

Jack Kitching, OBE, FRS, Professor of Biology, University of East Anglia, 1963-74, died on April 1 aged 87. He was born on October 24, 1908.



A DEDICATED zoologist, Jack Kitching devoted his life to the pursuit of his twin interests of cell physiology and marine ecology. Early in his career he published papers on osmoregulation and ionic regulation in protozoa, and later, after his appointment to a chair in Biology at the University of East Anglia, he diversified and expanded his area of research, producing a major contribution to the understanding of the dynamics of cell ultrastructure.

He also carried out research at Lough Ine in southwest Ireland, at a site which has since become a conservation area. His work there was marked by the award of an honorary doctorate by the National University of Ireland in 1983. He was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1960 for his work on protozoa and marine ecology.

John Alwyn Kitching, known to everyone as Jack, was born into a Quaker family in York. He was six years old when his father died and his mother moved to Bourne-mouth, from where Jack entered Cheltenham College. Schoolboy interests in natural history led him to study Zoology at Trinity College, Cambridge, and, after graduation in 1931, he was appointed lecturer in Zoology at Birkbeck College, London, where he obtained his PhD in 1933. In 1936 he moved to the University of Edinburgh, but returned south to a lectureship in Experimental Zoology at Bristol University in 1937. Towards the end of the following year he was on the move again, taking up a Rockefeller Fellowship at the renowned biology department at Princeton University.

It was a productive time and Kitching published at least six

papers on the cellular effects of anoxia and high hydrostatic pressure before, with the outbreak of war, his studies were interrupted. From 1939 to 1945 he worked for the National Research Council of Canada, at the University of Toronto, on aviation physiology; hypoxia, severe cold and survival after "ditching" in water. He was secretary of the subcommittee on protective clothing and in recognition of his services to the RAF he was appointed OBE in 1947.

In 1945 Kitching returned to Britain to resume a lectureship at Bristol University. A year later he became a Reader in Zoology. During this time he firmly established his marine ecology research at Lough Ine. He purchased land adjacent to the Lough and, with the help of family, students and colleagues, constructed two

small buildings, providing laboratory and domestic accommodation.

Around that time a number of new universities were being established in Britain, and Kitching was appointed to a chair in Biology at the University of East Anglia in 1963. From 1967 to 1970 he also served as Dean of the School of Biological Sciences. Though stiff, even awkward, in manner and outwardly shy, he was well liked by his students for his kindness and understanding. Aside from his teaching, he expanded his study of cell physiology and also continued his research at Lough Ine, producing a long series of papers which continued to occupy him even after retirement in 1974.

Jack Kitching is survived by his wife Evelyn, and by their son and three daughters.

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PRINCESS PALEY AND SIR GEORGE BUCHANAN. CHARGES REITERATED. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) PARIS, APRIL 16. Princess Paley, in the Revue de Paris, replies to certain statements made by Sir George Buchanan in his book "My Mission to Russia, and Other Diplomatic Memories." "Disdaining to notice the offensive accusations which Sir George Buchanan has allowed himself to make against a widowed woman," Princess Paley writes, "I will only observe that he has himself confirmed all that I have reproached him with in my souvenirs."

ON THIS DAY April 17, 1923 Sir George Buchanan (1854-1924), was appointed British Ambassador to St Petersburg in 1910 where he attained some personal influence in Russian affairs. After the revolution, he was attacked by some Russian exiles, notably Princess Paley

an of not having forwarded to the Emperor the telegram of the King of England. "Am I mistaken?" she asks. "Did the Emperor receive the telegram? The Ambassador is obliged to admit that he did not."

How is it (she continues) that a good many people, Russians and even English, hold Sir George Buchanan responsible for the revolution in Russia to such an extent that he admits that "several friends turned their back on me," and that he has never been able to shake off

the charge which has fastened on him? There must be a reason for that. As to the sympathies or antipathies of the Emperor, Sir George Buchanan pretends that it was impossible for me to know them. He even speaks ironically of the friendship, more or less trustful, which His Majesty deigned to manifest for me. And the Ambassador forgets that my husband saw the Sovereigns constantly and that they spoke to him with the greatest frankness. It was their Majesties themselves who recounted to the Grand Duke Paul the equivocal rôle which the English Ambassador played in regard to them, and how the Emperor and Empress were inspired by it with anger against him.

Princess Paley, widow of the Grand Duke Paul, last June wrote for the Revue de Paris the first of a series of articles entitled "Mes Souvenirs de Russie," in which she accused Sir George Buchanan of playing a part in the Russian Revolution of 1917. The British Embassy, she declared, had, under the orders of Mr. Lloyd George, become a focus of propaganda. Against this and other charges, Sir George Buchanan defended himself in his book, extracts from which appeared in The Times last month.

As the millennium approaches, television programme-makers are becoming obsessed with the paranormal

When I predicted that 1996 would see the outbreak of millenarianism, I never thought it would be so bad. As the magic date approaches, the supernatural is all over our screens, and I'm not just talking about Anne and Nick's Good Morning phone-in on extraterrestrials yesterday. Ghosts, ghosts and flying saucers are now being publicised by the BBC as, if you please, "factual".

The BBC is losing touch with reality

us he is also "Paul", the ghost of a doctor who died 2,000 years ago. Fair enough. If Raymond thinks he is inhabited by Paul, no matter — unless, as in one of the most repellent scenes I have seen offered for early-evening television, he burrows loopy fingers into an ailing old man's pasty flesh, and claims to locate the bladder. Raymond says cheerfully that he has never had any medical training but Paul did, 2,000 years ago (that magic number). Whereupon Paul speaks up: "There's no difference between me and conventional doctors... Just because I'm dead shouldn't make any difference."

least the BBC should append a health warning, or an earnest studio discussion of the kind that followed Joan Bakewell's discovery in the Holy Land, in time for Easter, of tombs marked Jesus, Mary and Joseph. (If BBC's Heart of the Matter does not win a Comedy of the Year award for this account of Joan's descent into the sepulchre, there is no justice). Context is all, you'll agree. The realm of mystery is universally popular: witness the success of The X-Files, a hot favourite now on both Sky and the BBC. But the unexplainable as entertainment is one thing. David Copperfield claims only to be an illusionist, performing wondrous tricks we can't understand. Uri Geller, on the other hand, claims psychic



BRENDA MADDOX

powers and gets next week's Secrets of the Paranormal all to himself to claim, among other things, the healing power of his "energised" teddy bears. More of the same comes in July, with Our of This World, another six-parter on ghosts, poltergeists

and psychic or out-of-body experiences. It promises a balanced look at the unexplained — that is, it will give equal weight to the sceptics. Is this balance? To present science as just another point of view? In June, to be sure, the BBC will offer Strange Days, an inquiry into modern superstition. It is hardly reassuring, however, that this inquiry into "the retreat from reason" will take in both alternative medicine and psychotherapy — treatments provided by the NHS. The BBC needs to apply the smack of firm editorship if this phantasmic tendency is not to get out of hand before the year 2000. Some things are still beyond the pale: wrestling, shopping, stripping. Ghostly communicating belongs there too, especially when

you consider the basis of its appeal — hope offered to those suffering from incurable illness or grief. The placard-wavers on last week's Secrets of the Paranormal demanded the public's right to know what "secret" information the Ministry of Defence holds on UFOs. Oh yes. Meanwhile, the documents of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the publication of which has landed The Economist in hot water, show the government about to approve two giant power mergers knowing that these are not in the public interest. The report, prepared for the Department of Trade and Industry, also reveals that one of the MMC's advisers, Patricia Hodgson, the

BBC's director of policy and planning, courageously dissented from the decision, pointing out that the mergers would put up the price of electricity. What better information to keep from the public? The hoary old official argument — that outsiders will not give advice to government agencies unless they are assured of secrecy — has been demolished by the one regulatory agency worthy of the name. Ofel, the telecommunications watchdog. When it invites opinions on proposed policies, Ofel asks that the responses submitted be allowed to be made public. It will promise confidentiality on request, but gives warning that such views may then be given less weight because they are not open to challenge. Now there's an idea for the BBC. How about "Secrets of Government Departments"? A series that would unquestionably come from beyond the Great Divide.

Is Auntie even-handed?

Alexandra Frean on television's political coverage

No one was more surprised to read on the front page of yesterday's Daily Mail that BBC interviewers were too "soft" on Labour politicians, than the two people who were supposed to have made the accusation. Lord Skidelsky, a former SDP member now on the Left of the Tory party, and Jean Lambert, a Green Party activist, had been invited by the BBC to analyse the corporation's political output. Having studied a selection of television and radio programmes, they had indeed expressed doubts about whether the BBC "tested all parties with equal rigour". They concluded that the corporation's interviewers "failed to test Labour politicians... by allowing them to avoid elaborating on their alternatives to government policies and by failing to question whether big changes that they proposed were really needed".



Female interviewers such as Kirsty Wark, left, and Sue MacGregor are better at getting politicians to stick to the point



impartiality should have assumed headline proportions. "My view really was that the BBC and the rest of the media do not just report news. They create it," Skidelsky says. "I never thought of this exercise as a news event, but I have been rung up by ten newspapers about it. A news item has been made out of nothing. This is a prime example of what I was saying." If the BBC does have a tendency to be more intimidating towards the Tories than the other parties, Skidelsky believes, it is not so much due to an inherent left-wing bias, but simply "because the Tories have more to answer for as they are in power". The main thrust of Skidelsky's analysis

concerns not impartiality, but the fact that the BBC's coverage has become overly reliant on superficial soundbites, which encourage politicians to tailor their discourse. Head-to-head interviews in particular have become knockabout and point-scoring "sporting spectacles", which often fail to inform or stimulate. Skidelsky and Lambert believe it would be healthy for political leaders not to assume that anything they say would be automatically covered by the BBC. They suggest the corporation drops its coverage of Prime Minister's Questions for a six-month trial. The BBC denies the specific charge that it was too soft on Mr Mandelson, but recognises the need for rigorous testing of all politicians from all sides. Tony Hall, head of news and current affairs at the BBC,

says that the report is part of a rolling programme examining its overall news coverage. "Any self-respecting journalistic organisation needs to sit down and look at whether it is getting to the right stories and the right people," he says. In addition to helping it to expand the range of its news and current affairs coverage, Hall hopes such exercises will allow it to get to the heart of the "big issues" that affect people's lives. Given the increased pressure from the Government for the BBC to make itself more accountable to its licence-payers, it would be perverse of the corporation not to seek the views of outsiders about how well it is achieving this.

Melvyn Marckus on the tycoon's new weekend read

ACCORDING to financial folklore the archetypal tycoon arrives at his desk at 6am and moves at least one mountain before ordinary mortals report for duty. Sunday, the day of rest, presumably represents a dread prospect for such businessmen, but since the birth of the Sunday business sections, led by The Sunday Times, Fleet Street has striven to fill the void.

Joining the business of Sunday morning

Sunday business journalism represents a business in itself. The broadsheets, led on circulation by The Sunday Times and The Sunday Telegraph, compete for exclusive financial news. In the business arena, knowledge often equates to power, and any business section that is perceived as a must-read enjoys a guaranteed audience. Nor would any drawing room be complete on Sunday without a few inches of money and personal-finance supplements.



Rubython's dummy issue

SUNDAY READING

Average business readership:

- 1 Sunday Times 317,000
- 2 Mail on Sunday 241,000
- 3 Sunday Express 129,000
- 4 Sunday Telegraph 126,000
- 5 Observer 102,000
- 6 Independent on Sun 76,000

Source: BMRB British Business Survey 1995. Weighted by population

shareholders, but confirms a "close relationship" with the Bloomberg wire service. This close relationship is reflected in Sunday Business's section-four offering, Bloomberg Trading Week, a financial section designed for City professionals. Whatever the identity of the backers, some £1 million will be poured into television advertising during this week. Rubython, 40, admits he is "not too keen" to discuss

over the ensuing six weeks. A breakdown of Sunday Business's veritable mountain of paper represents no mean task. The front page of the broadsheet cover-section looks remarkably like certain established rivals, and, according to the blurb, "several scoops" will appear each week. Business & Fortune is a tabloid colour supplement highlighting stories "based on people". A diary by Peter de Savary is threatened. Money & Life, supplement three, mingles the Peps and the Tessas with lifestyle, in the shape of travel, property, motoring and entertaining. After Bloomberg comes a Computer Age supplement, edited by John Lamb, former Editor of Computer Weekly. Appointments heralds "a host of top job opportunities". The price of all this? 55p. According to Rubython, Sunday Business requires a circulation of 150,000 to break even. The make-or-buy factor will be the calibre of those "scoops". City practitioners are hard taskmasters. The Sunday broadsheets are used to competition — and to seeing it off. It was no coincidence that The Sunday Times last week launched a Stock Market Challenge with weekly prizes worth £10,000 and also published its annual survey of Britain's rich — or that The Mail on Sunday published its 32-page serialisation of a new biography of the Queen inside its business section. The Sunday Telegraph is also being revamped this weekend. The best Sunday Business can expect, in respect of the City professional market, is to become a second buy to one of the established Sunday papers with strong business sections. If Rubython can persuade 150,000 buyers to do that, he could succeed — but his rivals don't rate his chances.

Which companies do Britain's top earners rate? Alex Benady finds some surprising answers

Even the upper-middle classes aspire. You might therefore expect their favourite brand names to be luxury goods — perhaps Aspreys, Rolls-Royce or Gucci. The truth, however, is far more mundane. According to Premier TGI, a definitive new survey, the well-heeled hold their grocers and foreign car manufacturers in the highest regard. Marks & Spencer emerges as the company rated most highly in a survey of 5,500 professionals and senior managers, the elite "ABs" of marketing parlance. Sainsbury checks in at number two with arch rival Tesco at number five. Mercedes, BMW and Volvo earn third, fourth and tenth place respectively. Two media companies, the establishment BBC and relative newcomer Walt Disney, put in appearances at number six and seven, and the ubiquitous Virgin pops up at number eight. Precisely why Mars gains ninth place in the bourgeoisie

Hey, big spender



ABs love foreign cars

THE AB FAVOURITES	
The ten companies most highly rated by all ABs	The ten most highly rated by AB Times readers
1 Marks & Spencer	1 Microsoft
2 Sainsbury	2 Renault
3 Mercedes	3 Nike
4 BMW	4 Esso
5 Tesco	5 Unilever
6 BBC	6 Peugeot Talbot
7 Disney	7 Mercedes
8 Virgin	8 Body Shop
9 Mars	9 British Airways
10 Volvo	10 Saab

Jones, familiarity is the one thing that all the top ten companies have in common. "They are brand names which people encounter every day and they deliver consistently," he says. The results may give the top companies a warm glow but

£31,000 a year compared with the national average of £19,000. So they account for at least a third of all spending — more in some luxury markets. What's more, because they have positions of power and authority, ABs often set the agenda for what the remaining three quarters of the population should consume. The problem for marketers is that ABs are notoriously hard to reach with advertising. They watch just two thirds the average amount of commercial television, and they are often fiercely resistant to its blandishments. "You have to know exactly what they watch, what they read and what they consume," explains Glen Parker, media researcher at advertising agency J. Walter Thompson. The exercise reveals that the British upper-middle classes are not quite the homogeneous bunch you might have thought. For instance, Times readers are decidedly modern and cosmopolitan in the companies they rate highly.

and the Olympics tend to get the highest audiences, the Grand National regularly comes a close third. This year's audience of 11.2 million is slightly down on 1995's 11.9 million and considerably lower than the 1994 figure of 16 million. It is, however, well within the event's 10 million to 16 million average audience. In addition, this year the event took a spectacular 78 per cent share of the available audience. Although the World Cup

March 25 to March 31, 1996					
Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre
1 The 1996 Grand National	Sat 30	15.00	BBC1	BBC	Horse Racing
2 1996 Grand Nat Re-Run	Sat 30	16.20	BBC1	BBC	Horse Racing
3 Match Of The Day Live	Sun 31	13.15	BBC2	BBC	Football
4 Brazilian Grand Prix	Sun 31	18.45	BBC1	BBC	Motor Racing
5 Final Score	Sat 30	17.05	BBC1	BBC	Composite
6 Brazilian Grand Prix	Sat 30	18.00	BBC1	BBC	Motor Racing
7 Grandstand	Sat 30	13.15	BBC1	BBC	Composite
8 Match Of The Day	Sun 31	22.21	BBC1	BBC	Football
9 Sportsnight	Wed 27	22.25	BBC1	BBC	Composite
10 Grandstand: Football Focus	Sat 30	12.25	BBC1	BBC	Football
11 Big Fight	Sat 30	23.49	ITV	Ind Sports Network	Boxing
12 Inter Football - Eng v Bul	Wed 27	20.00	SKY5	BSkyB	Football
13 FA Cup - Liverpool v Aston V	Thu 28	16.01	SKY5	BBC	Horse Racing
14 Racing From Airline	Sun 31	22.21	BBC2	BBC	Motor Racing
15 Grand Prix Highlights	Mon 25	20.30	CH44	TransWorld Inter	Composite
16 The Greatest	Sat 30	13.13	ITV	Grand Slam Sports	Football
17 Champions League Special	Sun 31	15.45	BBC2	Chryslis Sport	Rugby
18 Rugby Special	Mon 25	20.00	SKY5	BSkyB	Rugby
19 FA Cup Final	Mon 25	18.00	CH44	Chryslis Sport	Basketball
20 NBA Raw	Thu 28				

Keeping hold of the magnificent eight

AS the Commons debate on the Broadcasting Bill reopens this week, attention is focusing again on the issue of sports rights and on the eight "listed" events that are currently protected for terrestrial television. The eight are: the Grand National, the Wimbledon finals weekend, the FA Cup Final, The Scottish FA Cup Final, the Olympic Games, the Fifa World Cup Finals, the home Test cricket and the Derby.

Although the World Cup

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NEWS

Duke and Duchess of York divorce

The Duke and Duchess of York will today be granted a "quickie" divorce to end their ten-year marriage, it was announced in a joint statement by their solicitors last night. The couple's case will be heard in the Family Division of the High Court at Somerset House, London, this morning, and a decree absolute is expected by the end of May. The statement said the decision was a personal one and their two daughters would continue to live with the Duchess. Pages 1-3, 17, 19

Britain challenges EU over beef ban

The Government again put itself on collision course with Brussels with a legal challenge to the EU's worldwide ban on the export of British beef and an £1 billion package of measures to help the industry. It confirmed compensation for destroying up to a million older cattle a year. Pages 1, 12, 18, 19

Para-glider recovers Cancer weapon

A para-glider who hit a mountainside at 100mph expects to make a full recovery. Pat Dolan escaped from a mile-high free-fall with a broken right leg and three crushed vertebrae. Page 5

Still dancing

Come Dancing, Britain's longest-running television show, has been revived and returns for a 47th year after the BBC was deluged with letters and petitions demanding its return. Page 5

Pelters warned

A teacher and three students were warned that they could be sent to prison after being convicted of pelting Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, with flour and paint. Page 6

Parents protest

The parents of Louise Jensen, the tour guide killed in Cyprus by three British soldiers, have had no apology or compensation from the Army. Pages 6, 19

Mandelson trip

Barclays Bank financed a 10-day trip to South East Asia by Peter Mandelson to assure companies that they would be safe under new Labour. Page 10

IRA bomber inquest

Edward O'Brien, an IRA terrorist who died when the bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely on a London bus, had already planted a similar device. Page 8

Goat heaven for Brixton spree boys

Oxford University Press has produced the first dictionary of the lingua franca of the anglophone West Indies, where 5.5 million people claim a vibrant brand of English as their mother tongue. Fun-loving chaps will be in a state of bliss over the publication — or as the dictionary would have it, spree boys will be in kiddie kingdom or goat heaven. Page 6



Some of the 4,000 clansmen on the battlefield to commemorate the dead of Culloden, fought 250 years ago yesterday. Page 20

BRITAIN

British Telecom: Merger talks between Cable and Wireless and BT have advanced to the point where C&W has put on hold its search for a new chief executive. Page 25

Tesco: Britain's biggest supermarket group is to create 4,000 new jobs by opening 24 new stores this year. Page 25

Ostriches: The Serious Fraud Office is expected to call on the FBI and other overseas agencies to help to investigate the Ostrich Farming Corporation. Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 34.8 points to close at 3825.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 83.6 after a rise from \$1.5077 to \$1.5082 but a fall from DM2.2769 to DM2.2766. Page 28

SPORT

Football: Jason Wilcox, Blackburn Rovers' uncapped winger, was a surprise choice in the England squad for next week's Wembley match against Croatia. Page 48

Rugby union: England's decision to negotiate separate television rights has brought a forthright response from the other home unions, who will review their international relationships. Page 48

Crickets: The opening first-class match of the season, between Oxford University and Leicestershire, ended in a draw. Page 44

Equestrianism: Nick Skelton will attempt to win the Volvo World Cup on Dollar Girl for the second successive year in Geneva. John Whitaker is the only other Briton in a field of 40. Page 44

ARTS

Meruhin at 80: As he approaches his 80th birthday, next Monday, Lord Meruhin is as passionate about his many humanitarian causes as ever, lending his name to 400 charities. Page 33

King Proby: The exuberant new West End show, Elvis — The Musical, stars the evergreen P.J. Proby in the title role. Page 34

Medea event in Leeds, Opera North has revived Luigi Cherubini's great tragic opera, Medea, in a superb new staging with the British soprano Josephine Barstow in splendid form. Page 35

Fred's finest: Three of Frederick Ashton's most intriguing ballets have been staged by the Royal Ballet, including the rarely seen Les Illuminations. Page 35

COMMENTARY

End of the affair: I do not say that divorce has lost its power to hurt; one would hate to sweep aside the possible sufferings of children. The question is, is the divorce of the Duke and Duchess of York a public concern? Should it be? asks Nigella Lawson. Page 17

Shock waves: Wildly patterned outfits suddenly look right, with clashes of colour that put the previous plain, plain, plain to shame. Page 17

Headline news: Lord Skidelsky and Jean Lambert were surprised that their confidential analysis on the BBC's political output made the Daily Mail's front page. Page 23

Cottage industry: Steve Overt, the Olympic gold medalist, and his wife are selling their Scottish stately home. They have restored it and created eight holiday cottages for rent. Page 41

It is by taking the arguments from the rising xenophobia that politicians are justifying measures which once again are making scapegoats out of all foreigners for the next great electoral sacrifice — Le Monde

Preview: Ian McShane is a prisoner who takes a law degree and means to use it. Madam (BBC, 9.30pm). Review: Lynn Truss on a cultural plea from a gameshow host. Page 47

Still on the line

The family of Louise Jensen, the Danish tour guide, is owed a better response from Britain. Page 19

Get Shorty

Clare Short has something refreshing to offer the soulless world of Westminster politics. Page 19

Out of the sun

In the years since the initial brightness faded, the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York has brought little but disrepute upon the Duke's long-suffering mother and the institution over which she presides. Page 19

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Labour says it will save money by putting the jobless back to work. But with macroeconomic policies identical to the Tories — and business policies, such as the minimum wage, which will destroy jobs at the margin — why should we believe such claims? Page 18

SIMON JENKINS

When policy is motivated by hysteria which can only be sated by slaughter, there is no knowing where the bloodletting can end. There is no better illustration of the madness to which Europe's farm policy has sunk. Some enthusiasts say repatriating agricultural policy to British control would be even worse. Rubbish. Page 18

SIMON BARNES

If, in football, you want to be aware of colleagues on the edge of your vision, to have what commentators call "great awareness", remember that the whiter they are, the easier they are to spot. Page 46

Professor George Cushing, Hungarian expert; Lord Haden-Guest, UN official; Professor Jack Kitching, zoologist; Charlotte Bentley, campaigner for the rights of enrolled nurses. Page 21

Youth violence; attracting young people to the Church; sex tourism; BSE; library at risk. Page 19



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

FILMS: How does Bruce Willis fare in Terry Gilliam's new Twelve Monkeys?

BOOKS: Malcolm Bradbury admires John Updike's new novel, In the Beauty of the Lilies

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,144

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-27 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Cry of praise from monk about the Bible (5). 4 Pub contact supplying a cheap ring (5,4). 9 They deliver ammunition to a soldier (9). 10 Quick fastener, extremely pricey (5). 11 Investor who does not work out East, for example (8,7). 12 How dentists' examinations are conducted? (6). 14 Dismiss abruptly and get clean away (5,3). 17 A greedy person tucked into plenty in the wood (8). 21 Standard required in state cricket side (6). 22 Give up downy after delay — endless drama! (7,3,5). 24 Each return catch gobbled up (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,143

A grid showing the solution to the crossword puzzle from the previous page.

- 25 Like mineral's origin, can become questionable (9). 26 Definitive instructions provided on tablets (9). 27 Howard's End a boring place to live in? (5).
- DOWN: 1 How actors do A Month in the Country, perhaps? (9). 2 Delight in morning service (5). 3 Like a complex dictionary I get familiar with (7). 4 Beat into a thin sheet (6). 5 Conservative in high church position is in plot (8). 6 Poor beggar gets final letter in Laura's squiggling (7). 7 Swiss instrument in plane defective — sound warning (9). 8 A bed in Orpington, say (5). 13 Not believing articles I tolerate mostly (9). 15 Exotic facial tan showing excessive enthusiasm (9). 16 Head in rising grammar school starts getting amorous (8). 18 Giving pieces on outside of old puppet (7). 20 A line may be tied up (7). 21 Depressed, or in some distress (6). 22 Manage a wooded area soundly (5). 23 Charles's head buried in the sand — the fool! (5).

Times Two Crossword, page 48. This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 63 per cent of the 30 competitors in the Edinburgh Regional Final of The Times Aberlour Crossword Championship and by 62 per cent of the pairs.

WEATHERCALL

Table with weather forecasts for various regions including Greater London, Kent, Sussex, Devon, Cornwall, etc.

AA ROADWATCH

Table with road traffic information for various routes like London & SE, Midlands, etc.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Table with highest and lowest temperatures for various locations like Glasgow, Edinburgh, etc.

NEWS INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTS RECYCLING

Recycled paper made up 34.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 1995.

Wake up in Norway with a Short Break

Advertisement for SAS featuring a photo of a pilot and text about a short break in Norway.

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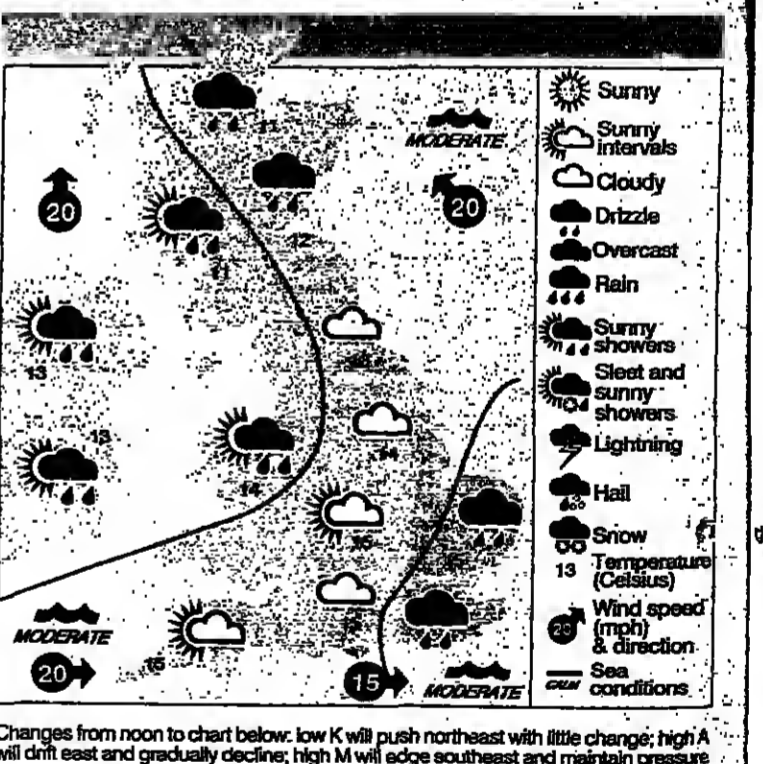
General: much of England and Wales will have some rain for at least part of the morning. The rain will clear away from Wales during the morning and from England in the afternoon as brighter weather, with sunshine and a few showers, arrives in the west. Scotland will start damp with outbreaks of rain but the skies will slowly brighten as sunny intervals and showers move in from the west during the afternoon. After early sunshine Northern Ireland will turn cloudy with frequent showers. The showers will become less frequent at dusk. Temperatures will be generally near normal for April. London, S E England: rain spreading eastwards, brightening by evening. Wind southeast, light. Warm. Max 15C (59F). Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, N E England, Lake District, Isle of Man, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N W Scotland: early rain will clear to brighter weather with showers. Wind southeast becoming west, mainly light. Warm. Max 15C (59F). E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N England, N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: outbreaks of rain will slowly clear away eastwards during the afternoon but it will remain cloudy. Wind southeast becoming southwest, light or moderate. Quite warm. Max 14C (57F). NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: damp and misty with outbreaks of rain. Wind southeast fresh, becoming moderate. Cool. Max 12C (54F). N Ireland: sunny intervals and showers, perhaps with thunder. Wind southwest, moderate. Cool. Max 12C (54F). Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: showers or longer spells of rain in most areas but some brighter periods. Average temperatures.

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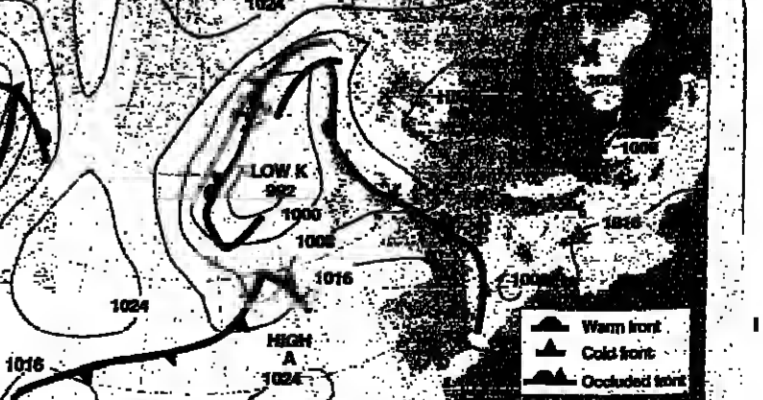


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C&W delays filling top post while BT talks continue

By ERIC REGULY
MERGER negotiations between Cable and Wireless and British Telecom have reached the point that C&W has put the appointment of a new chief executive on hold.

with a strong presence in Asia, America and Europe. The merger talks have been much more extensive than previously believed.

who replaced Sir Iain as BT's chief executive in January, would become chief executive of the merged group.

Tesco to create 4,000 more jobs with 24 new stores

By SARAH BAGNALL
TESCO, Britain's biggest supermarket group, is to create 4,000 new jobs by opening 24 new stores this year.



Sir Ian MacLaurin continues to bring in the customers with the store's Clubcard

increase in its share of the food retail market. Including a £6 million net loss on the sale of fixed assets and the £39 million cost of integrating Wm Low in the previous year's figures, pre-tax profits rose 22.5 per cent to £675 million.

National Power shares soar on talk of US bid

By MELVYN MARCUS AND CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
THE share price of National Power, Britain's largest generating company, rose sharply yesterday as takeover rumours linked to Southern, the US utility combine, swept through the stock market.

signal further consolidation. A bid for either of the generators cannot proceed without government approval because no investor is allowed to hold more than 15 per cent of National Power or PowerGen.

BUSINESS TODAY

Table with financial data including FT-SE 100, US RATE, LONDON MONEY, and STERLING.

Asda renews fight over drug prices

By SARAH BAGNALL
ASDA, the supermarket group, is to renew its assault on the UK's last remaining legal price-fixing agreement, the right of drug manufacturers to set prices on non-prescription medicines.

Gas service chief to retire early

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
THE MAN at the helm of British Gas's much-maligned service division is to leave the company.

OFC directors accused by DTI

By ROBERT MILLER AND KAREN ZAGOR
DIRECTORS of the troubled Ostrich Farming Corporation (OFC) siphoned off investors' money through disadvantageous contracts with suppliers, the Department of Trade and Industry has alleged.

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True blues line up for Kalms

JOHN REDWOOD and John Patten were among the early visitors to the third Dixons Insight '96 exhibition at Canary Wharf yesterday.



Kalms: invitations

Bishko's beef AFTER Sainsbury's and Asda cut the price of beef in the aftermath of the BSE scare, troubled executives at Tack Rack were set to discount their ubiquitous cow design.

Out of tune BEHIND the record annual results at Boosey & Hawkes, the international music publisher and instrument maker, is a somewhat tuneless chief executive.

Tit for tat THE pigtail-pulling behind the launch of Sunday Business, which makes its debut this week, brings memories of the playground flooding back.

Eagle eyed RON URQUHART, the American managing director of People's Bank in the UK, which starts selling its credit card in this country next week, spent six hours yesterday tussling with Sidney the Bald Eagle.

MORAG PRESTON THE London side of the International Bar Association is hosting a Borderless Crimes and Criminal Organisations conference next month.

Trend or turning point: are job figures at the crossroads?

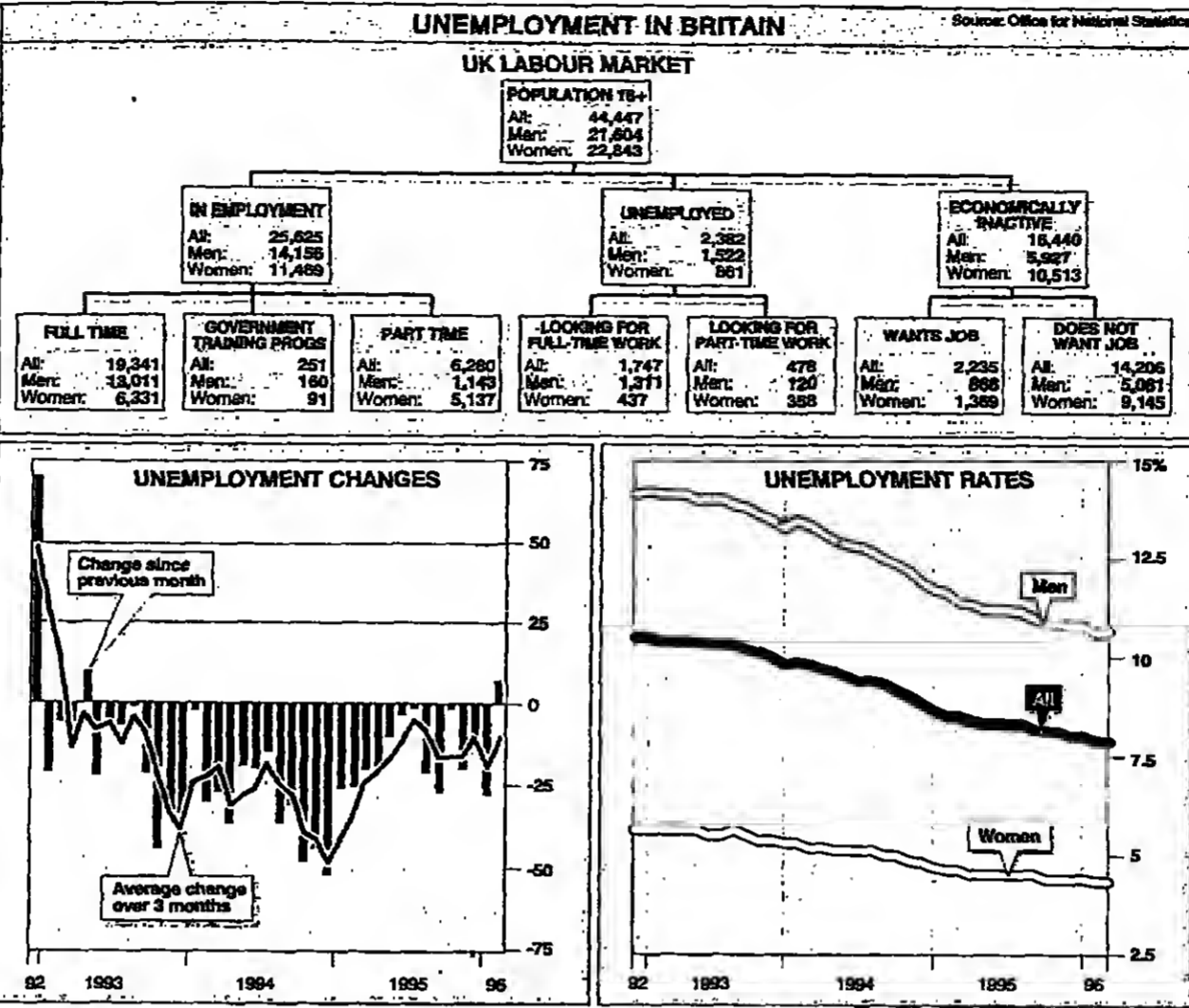
Philip Bassett on the trend and pattern of the number of people without work

Ministers are approaching today's unemployment figures with caution. Last month's 6,800 increase was both unexpected and unlikely to be significantly altered.

So, what is happening to unemployment now? Behind the headline figures, what is the trend and pattern of the number of people without work?

But they accept this rate has now been declining if not steadily, then at least for some time. Take not just individual month-by-month figures, but the average changes in claimant unemployment over three and six months.

Inevitably, month-by-month scrutiny of economic data such as the unemployment figures tends to focus on their change, with much read into the amount by which unemployment has risen or fallen.



unemployment has fallen — down by 462,000, or more than 16 per cent. Thirdly, the number counted as economically inactive is up — by 215,000, or 1.3 per cent.

Over the past year, for instance, the number of men deemed to be economically inactive has risen by 102,000 — almost exactly the same as the rise in male jobs.

Since unemployment started to fall, male unemployment is down 600,600, or 26.3 per cent in the last year alone.

Age: Just as unemployment varies by gender, so too does it vary by age, with young people being hit disproportionately hard.

Bill should protect employees who blow the whistle on fraud

The finer points of the so-called "Whistleblowers Bill", designed to protect employees who point the finger at colleagues suspected of committing fraud, will be debated by MPs today.



Don Touhig, Labour MP who introduced the Bill

ed, the less chance fraudsters will have. As any journalist and policeman knows, the best tip-offs usually arrive anonymously.

Companies leading the way on such initiatives include Esso, the oil company, which provides a booklet on standards of business conduct for

in 32 per cent of the cases, and 25 per cent were discovered by accident. The whistleblowing proposals are intended to reassure employees that they will not damage their careers by revealing suspicions.

That is clearly uncomfortable for government ministers, looking hard for signs of the economic recovery bearing some form of electoral fruit.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Measure pound against dollar

From Mr S. G. Green Sir, Dennis MacShane, MP, spoils his ease (April 5) by misquoting statistics. The pound has not lost between 20 and 25 per cent of its value compared with the strong European currencies since the end of 1992.

For much of the Eighties, the pound, which was perceived in some quarters as a petro-currency, was grossly overvalued and entered the ERM at too high a rate.

A better measure of the currency is its movement against the dollar, which is still the most widely used international currency.

Advance warning

From P. J. Underwood Sir, You published a letter from me in December 1994 regarding the refusal of British Gas to levy a lower price increase in view of my having paid more than two years in advance.

It appears one has to be one of the 'Can't pay, won't pay' brigade to obtain any relaxation of their stone-faced attitude to the people who pay their wages.

Wall St blues

From H. Marston Sir, Wall Street Woe: What has caused such misery? Not a crash but the creation of another 140,000 non-farm jobs in America.

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DirecTV plans to launch satellite service in Europe

By Eric Reguly

DIRECTV, the satellite television service ultimately owned by General Motors, plans to launch a digital satellite operation in competition with BSKyB and other media companies in Europe.

DirecTV is looking for European partners and has been trying to find a chief executive to run the European division. Several potential candidates in Britain, including cable company executives, have been interviewed.

Celso Azevedo, the senior vice-president of DirecTV International, the newly formed overseas division of DirecTV, said: "Europe is very important to us. We have been in contact with some potential partners in several countries."

He would not identify the partnership candidates, but said an announcement about the formation of the European service probably would be made within a few months. DirecTV, based in Los An-

geles, is the fastest-growing digital TV company in the world. BSKyB, 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, uses analogue technology but plans to launch a digital service in a year or so.

DirecTV was launched by Hughes Electronics, the satellite communications and aerospace subsidiary of General Motors, and has about 1.4 million US subscribers. It expects to have three million by the end of the year, with forecasts of ten million by 2000.

AT&T America's largest long-distance phone company, bought a 25 per cent stake in January for \$137.5 million, valuing the company at \$5.5 billion. AT&T has an option to increase its stake to 30 per cent over 5 years, depending on its ability to recruit DirecTV customers.

Subscribers are attracted to the service mainly because of choice. DirecTV offers about

175 digital video and audio channels and, like BSKyB, offers movies, sport, children's shows and pay-per-view.

DirecTV has said it wants to become the "Coca-Cola of digital TV" around the world. With three local partners, it recently launched a South American service called Galaxy Latin America that will compete against a consortium that includes The News Corporation and Tele-Communications Inc, the world's largest cable company. It also has formed a partnership in Japan which is scheduled to begin broadcasting in mid-1997.

Mr Azevedo said that DirecTV's ideal European partners would provide programming and marketing expertise. The company, he said, will try to lease space on the Astra or Eutelsat satellites. Failing that, it might lease a satellite from Hughes, its owner.



Alan Jerome plans to build a multi-based business so that the textile firm can ride out future storms

Jerome dresses tartan army

By Fraser Nelson

CREASE-FREE trousers and Braveheart tartan waistcoats are among the designs that have sustained the return to profitability at S Jerome & Sons, the textile group that yesterday reported a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £951,000 in 1995. The West Yorkshire company

has capitalised on overseas demand for tartan, increasing exports by 30 per cent to account for 27 per cent of its turnover.

Jerome's growth is stabilising from last year's profits recovery of 75 per cent. It has doubled the capacity of its weaving machines in Shipley and bought West Yorkshire Weavers, which contributed £100,000 in the first six months. Alan

Jerome, the chairman, said the group was aiming for security, not market dominance. "In the textile business, sales are cyclical - you can't rely on the popularity of any one product. Our strategy is to build a multi-based business so in future, we can ride the storms."

Earnings were up 1.2p to 7.7p. The dividend rises to 2.25p (1.5p), with a final 1.5p.

Chrysler speeds to a record

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

CHRYSLER, America's third largest motor company, made record profits in the first quarter of this year after earnings more than doubled to over \$1 billion.

The result shows that demand among US consumers has remained strong despite dire predictions by economists earlier this year that the economy was slowing. Chrysler said its figures were particularly good in view of the long harsh winter in most parts of the US that many thought would depress car sales.

Revenues rose 10 per cent over the same period last year to \$15 billion, while profits soared from \$495 to just over \$1 billion.

The result will strengthen Chrysler's hand against Kirk Kerkorian, the corporate raider who owns nearly 15 per cent of the company and has been pressing for sweeping management changes and a cash payout to investors.

Sidlaw to close factory

Sidlaw Group, the oil services and packaging company, is to close a factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, with the loss of about 90 jobs. The factory, which supplies packaging for the food sector, incurred losses of more than £1 million in the six months to March 31. Closure costs were estimated at £2.2 million.

EBRD pact

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development yesterday ended its two-day annual meeting in Sofia which was highlighted by agreement to double its capital. Jacques de Larosière, president, said the increase was "crucial".

Car sales up

Car sales in western Europe rose by 3.1 per cent in March, compared with March 1995, according to provisional figures from the European association of manufacturers. Car sales totalled 1.275 million last month, compared with 1.238 a year earlier.

Whisky cheer

Exports of Scotch whisky rose 4 per cent to £2.276 billion in 1995 from £2.191 billion in the previous year. European Union exports, which account for almost 40 per cent of total exports, rose 2 per cent to £872 million.

Bae deal opens up Asia Pacific

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

BRITISH Aerospace yesterday became one of Australia's largest defence companies with the acquisition of AWA Defence Industries for A\$54 million (£28 million).

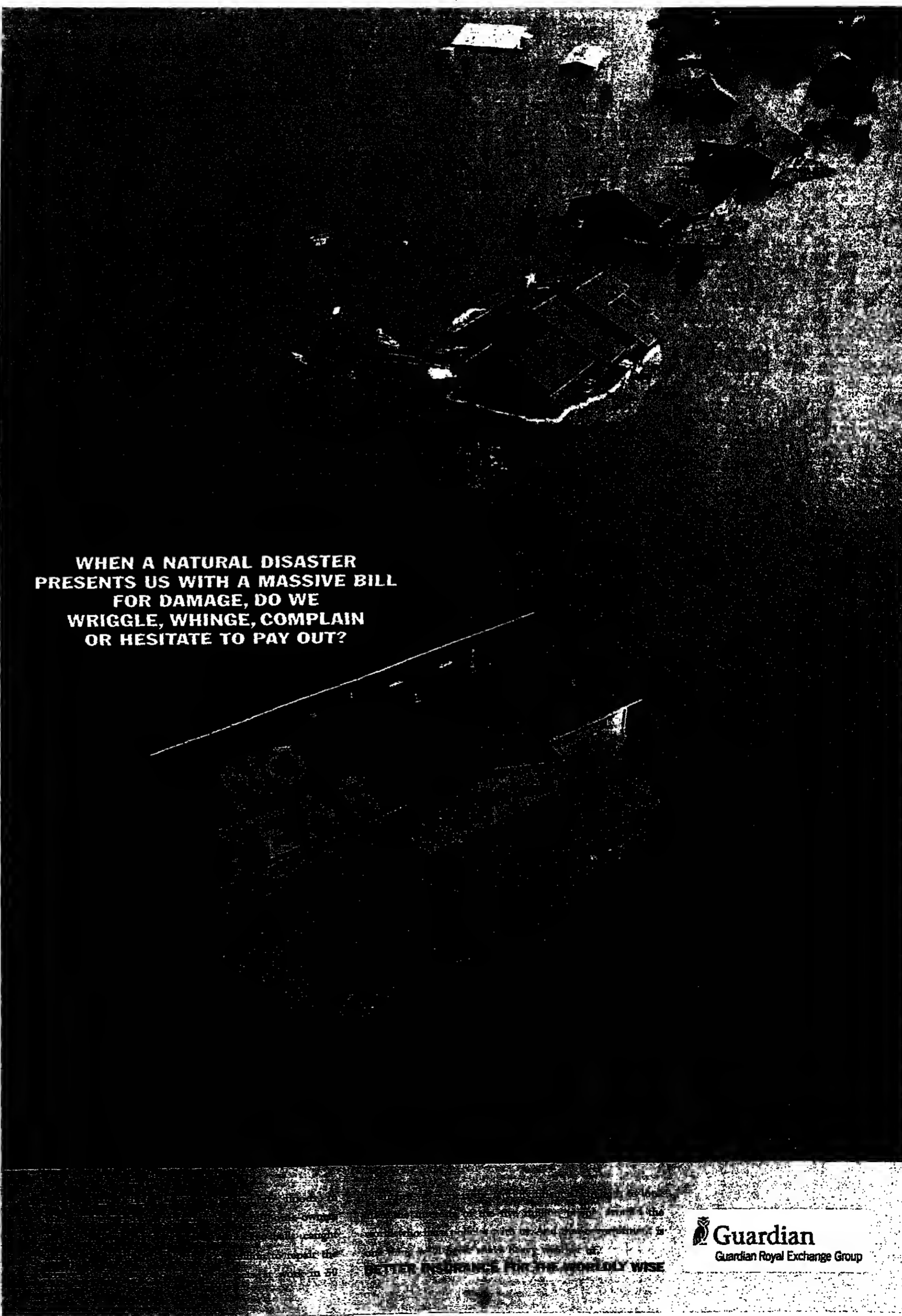
The purchase, which brings Bae a range of defence products including military vehicles, infra-red radar and the Nulka hovering rocket, forms a key plank in the company's strategy to expand in the Asia Pacific region.

AWA Defence Industries is expected to achieve sales of A\$150 million in 1996 and has about A\$300 million of orders.

After the acquisition, Bae Australia will have annual turnover of A\$260 million and employ 2,000. The deal is expected to pave the way for the company to develop a big export business into Asia.

Dick Evans, Bae's chief executive, said yesterday: "The acquisition is a major strategic progression for British Aerospace Australia in line with its objective to increase significantly its commitment to growth in Australia."

Robin Southwell, chief executive of Bae Australia, said: "It allows us to show our customers and the Australian government that we are investing in and committed to the growth of our business in Australia."



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■ MUSIC
Violinist turned humanitarian: Lord Menuhin reflects on his new tasks as he approaches 80

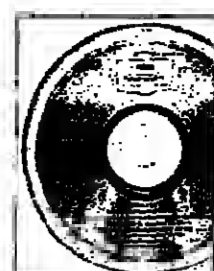


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Our unrivalled guide to the best new videos and classical recordings moves to Thursday

Yehudi Menuhin will be 80 next Monday. Here he talks about his work; and we report on a new documentary portrait

Plenty of time to change the world

Joanna Pitman finds Menuhin's humanitarian passions undimmed

It is fascinating and impressive, but most of all heartening, to see Lord Menuhin turning 80 in a spirit of expectation that several decades of activity are yet to come. It is the result of an irrepressible mind that is still darting around, fizzing with ideas, schemes and causes which he earnestly believes will make the world a better place. The fact that his mother, just turned 100, is alive and kicking in San Francisco, and still proudly monitoring her son's prodigious achievements, may explain the impression that Menuhin is becoming ever more youthful.

Music remains his core passion, but he has long ago taken his music beyond its traditional parameters in his quest to create a more positive, inspired and courteous world. "I have numerous other projects on the go, schemes to arrange, fundamental changes to be made to society. We live in a crime-producing civilisation. If there are terrorists, it is because we have produced them. If there are drug-crazed children, it is because we have not given them their inspiration. So many things can be improved with simple but carefully judged effort. I have a lot to do but I think I am achieving something already."

Even at 80, his face and body are as light, supple and mobile as his mind. As he speaks, the gentle bird-like profile turns and dips, his quick avian eyes darting about in search of new challenges, new solutions.

His achievements so far are impressive indeed. Live Music Now, one of his earliest projects, was founded 22 years

ago to give talented young musicians performing experience before people who would not normally have access to live music: children with special needs, adults with learning difficulties, elderly people, prison inmates.

"LMN organises almost 2,000 concerts a year," he says. "It is gratifying to see that joy can be awakened even for the most withdrawn or depressed among us. The inspiration for the project came from my travels in Germany immediately after the war when I played for audiences in newly liberated camps. In many cases, the music was their first contact with civilisation. I was seeing these people's strengths and weaknesses and for the first time I saw what music could do for them. It was an experience which changed and inspired me."

MUS-E is another project designed to inspire the underprivileged. Founded in 1994, this one focuses on introducing teaching based on music and dancing to primary schools across Europe in order to channel the energies of children with violent or unhappy home environments. "My thesis is that the only antidote to crime is to introduce an atmosphere of hope, health, trust and joy with music. This can be done very simply by performing dancing and singing every day in violent schools. In a short time it is amazing how the hate is transformed."

Not satisfied with LMN and MUS-E (and of course the International Menuhin Academy, the Yehudi Menuhin School, and the International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation), the indefatigable Menu-



"Even at 80, Menuhin's face and body are as light, supple and mobile as his mind"

hin last year dreamt up the Mozart Fund. This seeks to change international copyright law so that royalties are paid on works now in the public domain. The revenue would be used for charity projects for the prevention of human, environmental and cultural disasters. "My vision is that the Mozart Fund would include support for the struggle to prevent torture, action to save the Alpine environment, the work of the Red Cross, the fight against leprosy, all sorts of needs."

Talking to Menuhin and encountering his sometimes extraordinary schemes for the betterment of our world, one becomes steadily more aware that the astonishingly autodidactic approach of the man is the result of the erratic self-education of the boy. By 1927, when Menuhin had turned ten, he had spent less than a day at school. Orthodox schooling was im-

possible as he was spending most of his life on the road performing in the world's concert halls. His father had given up his job to accompany him and the young Menuhin was earning a living in his place to support the family.

"I have had no academic training at all. Only my own reading, philosophy, thought, and a certain breadth of experience. In a way, my lack of formal education means that I can distance myself from details and take a broader view of problems that face us."

The result is a staggering array of ideas. A "Parliament of Cultures" is one of his latest projects. "This will be a pipeline into Brussels — neither bureaucratic nor political — which will give a voice to each national and regional culture, including nomadic peoples. It will give them a forum in which they can

express their grievances on any issue."

Menuhin has a solution to the Irish problem, involving the meeting of widows from both sides. He has a scheme for a transnational system to provide credits in welfare, health, education and culture for everybody. He supports alternative medicine (the one issue that tempted this life peer to attend a House of Lords debate), he has ideas for combating BSE, he still travels for eight months each year and he lends his name to 400 charities.

Oh, and he has recently been working on a blueprint for changing party political democracies into less combative, more constructive, forces for good. What a place the world would be if we all had centenarian mothers.

Unique glimpse of a prodigy

A new Menuhin film uses rare archive material, as Michael Binyon reports

Lord Menuhin is a familiar public figure: sage, humanist, philanthropist, conductor, and music's foremost ambassador. But it is for his achievements as a violinist — one of the greatest this century has seen — that Menuhin is still feted. Although he has left a rich legacy of recordings, he no longer performs. The inspired playing that saw him hailed as a child prodigy 70 years ago is now a fading memory.

But Bruno Monsiegeon, a friend, fellow musician and film-maker, was determined to reinforce memory with evidence. Luckily there is plenty around. Primitive cine-cameras were already recording the sensation of the chubby Jewish boy from San Francisco when he took the concert halls of America by storm. Footage of his performance with the great conductors and orchestras of the Twenties and Thirties, of interviews with the soft-spoken boy, of public adulation and newspaper hype, have lain for years in his archives.

Years of research have now paid off. Yehudi Menuhin, *The Violin of the Century*, a two-hour film that won acclaim when shown on French television, received its British premiere at the Institut Français last year, and extracts were shown last month to the Queen and guests invited to celebrate Menuhin at Buckingham Palace.

Its triumph lies not only in the fascination of seeing the jerky images of this century's great men — Elgar, Toscanini, Enescu, Busch, Furtwängler — bewitched by the youth who so effortlessly interpreted their vision. It lies also in the poignant juxtaposition of Menuhin, today's elder statesman, and the young Yehudi.

Menuhin himself guides us through an extraordinary, nomadic life that, as he admits, has never known hardship, suffered professional setback or been touched by the cata-



The boy virtuoso on his way to Europe in 1926. This picture is from Menuhin's autobiography *Unfinished Journey*, now published by Methuen in revised form

clysm that befell so many fellow Jews. Monsiegeon's technique avoids the dangers of both obituary or hagiography: Menuhin is still very much there, commenting detachedly on his own performances: "I like my left hand there — it's really jolly good!"

As a raconteur, he reflects all the shading of his playing: sometimes light, almost impish as he boasts of how much he was paid or imitates the Dorian Gray obsession of Karajan. At other times he is sombre, especially when he talks about his sister Hepzibah; his failure, as he sees it, to offer support when she was suffering; and the raging emotions that lay beneath what her brother called the reliable machine that never went wrong.

Sometimes he verges on the mawkish; elsewhere he is reflective in examining suffer-

ing: of the enslaved in displaced people's camps, of soldiers, lonely and wounded in hospital, of the victims of totalitarian states, of his own when his first marriage collapsed.

The life, however, is almost incidental. What the film brings out is the playing that shaped each chapter in this memoir: the infinitely varied vibrato, the elegant ease, the originality of phrasing and the sometimes savage accents. It is the music that soars out of these archives — great long stretches of it, some dating back to 1943, enough to make us understand why Menuhin, his talent almost suffocated by subsequent fame, so captured the hearts and souls of earlier generations.

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Where there's Will

Hard by the Thames, schoolchildren are discovering Shakespeare their own way. Hilary Finch reports

The Globe Theatre, originally built in 1599 and destroyed by fire in 1613, is fast approaching its official reopening. The thatch is complete, the seating in place, and Shakespeare's great "Wooden O" is expanding to its full circumference. On Saturday, three days before Shakespeare's official birthday, the London borough of Southwark will celebrate with a "sonnet walk", a masque outside the Globe at 2pm, and a cathedral service at 6pm.

Meanwhile, 19 Southwark schools have been recreating that environment in six weeks of Elizabethan Fairs, held in collaboration with members of the Globe Education Centre. In the school hall of Robert



Browning Primary in Walworth, a trumpeter heralds the nummers' play. A 10-year-old St George faces an 11-year-old black-cloaked Murderer. A quack doctor revives the saint and everyone cavorts in a round dance to a tape of Greensleeves.

Now the dance becomes

more sophisticated. A very tall, very thin bearded jester leads a troupe of children in an *Estampie*, a *Bransle* and a *Selling's Round*. The jester is Adrian Lucas, assistant school-keeper, who also happens to be a member of the Paladins of Chivalry, a re-enactment society which specialises in medieval tournaments. He's taught the children all the right steps, and they foot it fealty.

Meanwhile, a group of real thespians lurks outside the door. This is the Globe company in the making. They burst in. "Our theatre burnt down and we had to go touring," one shouts. "Not much fun. But soon we'll be able to return to the Globe,



Children at Robert Browning Primary School in Walworth get to know the Bard

and we need your help to get a play ready! We need dancers for our sheep-shearing fair. But look out for pickpockets!" Cue for Act IV, Scene 4 of *The Winter's Tale*. That snap-

per-up of unconsidered trifles has soon pinched a school scarf. A shepherd strikes up the school-keeper's dances. Ballads are sold. The troupe dances out with the children.

Alastair Tallon, education development manager at the Globe, watches as six years of Globe Education's projects bring Southwark to new life. "We want the Globe to be a catalyst for activities and work in the borough," he says. "Going to the theatre in Shakespeare's day was about popular culture and entertainment. We want to change people's perceptions about what happens in theatre and what happens in schools."

A project like this encourages teachers to teach Shakespeare way beyond the appallingly unimaginative Key Stage tests — to draw and build on real responses from the children.

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A woman scorned is a marvel

OPERA: In Leeds, Rodney Milnes sees Josephine Barstow produce a performance of rare power as Medea

It is turning out to be a good month for classical tragedy filtered through 18th-century operatic sensibilities: first Gluck's Alceste from Scottish Opera, and now Cherubini's Medea at the Grand, in Leeds. Both are... Medea was premiered in Paris in 1797, when, in the cultural fallout from the French Revolution, it was perfectly acceptable for a serious opera to include spoken dialogue. This was less acceptable in the 19th century, and Medea survived in a hideously corrupt version with bad German recitative written 60 years later; translated into Italian, it became a vehicle for such scenery-chewers as Callas. Only in recent decades has the original French score been revived (but never recorded), often with non-French Medeas struggling with the words as best they could; Covent Garden's stab at the opera seven years ago was not generally accounted a success.

So what on earth do you do with so endlessly tricky a piece? Easy: you perform it in a superb new English translation by Kenneth McLeish and cast Josephine Barstow as Medea. Then you add the conductor Paul Daniel, the producer Phyllida Lloyd and the tenor Thomas Randle, who struck such sparks off each other in Opera North's Gloriana, and sit back as the brew bubbles to overflowing. The goalposts have of course been moved since 1797. Then, Medea's homicidal tendencies — she's a woman, for heaven's sake — would have been profoundly abnormal and shocking; today, when Alan Bennett has isolated "the problem of the first wife" when writing about a rather different marriage (Orton and Halliwell), it seems less abnormal. Medea has "made" Jason: she's stolen the Golden Fleece for him, done the odd murder to help him on his way, and now he's trading her in for a younger, socially more advanta-



Josephine Barstow as Medea: "Her cast-iron technique sees her safely through the notes, and she speaks the text with a vibrant conviction that should be the envy of many a straight actress"

Two lessons and a conundrum

DANCE: Debra Craine sees the Royal Ballet continue its celebration of Ashton's choreographic legacy

A lot of ground is covered in the Royal Ballet's new triple bill celebrating the genius of its founder-choreographer, Frederick Ashton. Symphonic Variations is there to show us his glorious abstraction. The Dream has exquisite handling of narrative and character. But what are we to make of Illuminations, which opens the bill? Ashton choreographed Britten's song cycle Les Illuminations, a setting of Rimbaud's strangely fantastic verse (here sung by John Bowen), for New York City Ballet in 1950, a fact that probably accounts for the work's uncharacteristic signature. The familiar Ashton style — fleet footwork, angled shoulders, compact jumps, miniature decoration — here gives way to broadly written phrases of large, open movement and crude expressivity. The poet's rebellion is physically manifested in frantic floppiness, his coupling with Profane Love is realised in the bases of body language — complete with gross and unnecessary gestures.



Jonathan Howells as the Dandy in Ashton's Illuminations

Seen here at Covent Garden for the first time in more than a decade, Illuminations emerges as a curio. Cecil Beaton's original Pierrot-inspired designs are wonderfully exuberant, even though the intervening decades have given some of his costumes more than a hint of transvestite karaoke (you couldn't get away with men in bare chests and ruffs in all seriousness today). And although the choreography does not transcend the conditions of its creation, the ballet does give us access to Ashton's wackier outer limits. One could have wished for a better choice of poet than Jonathan Cope for this revival. As fine a dancer as he is, this is not a role for him. Cope needs to assert himself through constantly moving shapes; on Monday night he was clearly not in sympathy with the work's posed historicity. Darcy Bussell (as Sacred Love) and Benazir Hussein (as Profane Love) were well matched in the long legs department, enacting the poet with their voluptuous, wide-ranging arabesques (albeit with different goals in mind).

Symphonic Variations (to the Franck score) was created in 1946 for Covent Garden, a pure dance work that stands among Ashton's finest achievements. A virtual reaffirmation of the rightness of harmony, Symphonic Variations is filled with unshakable confidence in the order of the universe. On Monday it was hard to appreciate

POP: The home of gloomy grunge sends us the Mount Rushmore of happy rock; the finer points of 'nuevo flamenco'

Monster raving loony party

THEY come from Seattle, a repository in recent years of all that is dark, twisted and tortured in rock. And their bass-heavy guitar sound is a close relative of the grunge formula ("We rock" is one of their proudest boasts). But the Presidents of the United States of America are the light-hearted flipside of the macho grunge coin. With sales of their eponymous debut album past the two-million mark in America, and a second hit single, Peaches, slamming into the British charts this week, they have clearly struck a major chord with music-lovers who have heard enough about the worries of the world and oow

The Presidents of the USA Astoria, WC2

simply want to have a good time. A trio mustering just five guitar strings between them — Chris Ballew plays a two-stringed "basitar", Dave Dederer plays a three-stringed "guitbass" and Jason Finn plays a "no-string" drum-kit — the Presidents took to the Astoria stage wearing bright shirts and baggy shorts. Opening with a storming version of the MC5's Kick Out the Jams that inspired immediate

and delirious pandemonium in the rammed-full, 2,000-capacity venue, they proceeded to play a set of high-energy rock'n'roll with a unique, goof-ball spin that was impossible to dislike. The high point of a brisk, varied and supremely entertaining show was the sudden segue from the quirky Naked and Famous into a whiplash version of their first British hit, Lamp. As wave after wave of crowd surfers broke against the wall of security men at the foot of the stage, the band's manifesto came across loud and clear. The Presidents rock. DAVID SINCLAIR

United notions

Paco de Lucia Festival Hall

electric bass to his backing group seems to have provoked almost as much consternation as the young Bob Dylan's defection to the electric guitar. All of which might lead you to expect to expect something akin to the pop hooks and disco beat of crowd pleasers such as the Gypsy Kings. Well, Lucia does make use of a nimble light show in the darkened auditorium, but the

overall approach was relatively austere, especially in a first half largely given over to solo pieces and extended duets. Later, de Lucia deployed his full complement of guitars, bass and percussion supplemented by the muezlin-like vocals of his brother Pepe and the keening saxophone of Jorge Pardo. The compositions took on a less frenetic character, the jagged, staccato attack balanced by gently rippling arpeggios. This was not the tourist version of flamenco. Whenever the tall, charismatic figure of Joaquin Crijo took the centre of the stage it was for displays that were hypnotic, not histrionic. The dance was not allowed to upstage the music. CLIVE DAVIS

Out of the Cage

CONCERT Ryder/Stowe Purcell Room Deirdre Gribbin, Waking in Laughtears, given its premiere here. The opposite emotions of the title are powerfully evoked in richly textured music. Much more limited in their expression were the pieces by Jeremy Peyton-Jones, Karmella Tsepkenko and Giacinto Scelsi. The two Peyton-Jones numbers amounted to little more than dreary mood music, and Tsepkenko's Evening Patience tested mine. The onomatopoeic vocal sounds devised by Scelsi in Ogloudoglu and CKCKC lack the rich variety of Berio's comparable Sequenza III. The final work, Graham Fitkin's neo-Romantic Nasir, is an impressive setting of lines from Gabriel Garcia Marquez's Chronicle of a Death Foretold, the grim tale, matched in music that evokes harsh heat and dust. Stowe's soprano soared vibrantly right to the end of this duo's demanding programme. JOHN ALLISON

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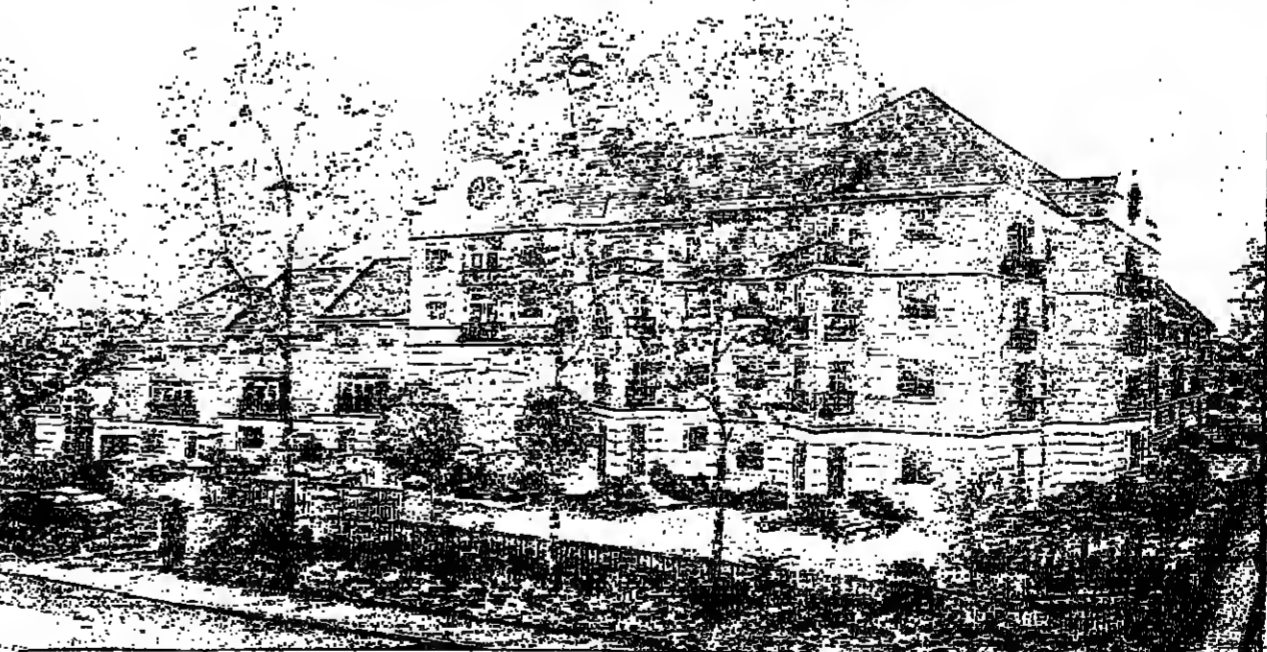
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Skelton in mood for World Cup repeat

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GENEVA

NICK SKELTON will attempt to win the showjumping Volvo World Cup on Dollar Girl for the second successive year here this week. The three-part competition, the toughest and richest indoor event in the sport, begins today in the Palexpo Arena. Forty riders will compete for prize-money totalling £500,000. John Whitaker, one of only two riders to have won the cup in successive years (1990 and 1991), is the only other Briton to have qualified.

Skelton comes here in buoyant mood. Dollar Girl has shown little sign of her 15 years in recent months, with wins in Bordeaux and Marseilles. Belgium, in February and third place in the 's-



Skelton: buoyant

Hertogenbosch Grand Prix in Holland last month. "I've done everything I can to prepare her," Skelton said yesterday. "She's in good form and feels well."

While Skelton intends to ride Dollar Girl in all three legs, Whitaker, who has qualified for every final since the event started in 1979, may swap horses. "If Grannusch goes well in the warm-up class, I may use him in the opening speed leg and keep Welham for Friday and Sunday," he said.

Though not one of the favourites this year, Whitaker has a realistic chance of success. Grannusch finished fifth in the Gothenburg qualifier a fortnight ago. Welham, now

16, a tough, hard horse with whom Whitaker has forged a winning partnership in the last 12 months, has been consistently placed during the spring, most recently in Paris, at the end of March, where he was third.

Although riders from North America won the cup in ten out of the first 11 finals, the recent run of European successes looks set to continue. Hugo Simon, of Austria, at 53 the oldest rider in the final, is in devastating form, as he showed when winning the German and Dutch qualifiers in successive weeks. With two in-form horses - Apricot and ET Simon - he would be a popular and deserving winner.

The Olympic champion, Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, who is also seeking a second win, is the biggest threat to Simon. The winner of three qualifiers this season, Beerbaum has a formidable choice of horses in Ratina, his 1993 World Cup winner, Rush On, the winner in Paris last month, and Gaylord, on whom he narrowly beat Skelton in the London qualifier.

Frankie Sloothaak, the world champion and a compatriot of Beerbaum, underlined the form of his top horse, Weihaaiw, when finishing third in Dortmund last month. Sloothaak, the runner-up last year and third in 1990, has made no secret of his wish to add this title to his list of successes.

Traditionally, a rider hoping to win the cup needs to finish in the leading ten after the opening speed leg, which will be held tomorrow. In six of the last nine finals, the winner of the opening leg has won the cup. The second leg takes place on Friday evening. The final part, a two-round grand prix, is on Sunday afternoon.

Lucy Thompson, of Ireland, the European three-day event champion, has had to withdraw from the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials next month after her horse, Welton Romance, damaged a fortnight ago. Welham, now



Khan drives square of the wicket on his way to 94 for Oxford University against Leicestershire yesterday

Khan earns professionals' respect

By PAT GIBSON

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE headed back to Grace Road last night with new respect for what county professionals tend to dismiss as "schoolboy cricket" after Oxford University had failed - gloriously - in pursuit of a victory target of 238 in 42 overs.

They may not be the first county to have their eyes opened in the Parks this summer. There is a school of thought that believes that the universities should no longer be granted first-class status, but the batting talent in the Oxford side argues otherwise.

The standard was yesterday by Gul Khan, 22, a Swansea graduate, who is now doing a course in social studies. His two centuries for Essex 2nd XI last season apparently came too late to convince them that he has a future in county cricket. Their loss may be someone else's gain. Whatever Essex's rescr-

uations about his defensive technique, there was no doubting the attacking flair that took him from his overnight 55 to 94, including 12 fours and a six off Mills that, according to the groundsmen's measurement, carried 95 yards over the square-leg boundary.

He was out next ball, caught behind off Mills, and his disappointment was even

more acute when he fell second ball in the second innings, leg-before to the medium pace of Maddy, who had never previously taken a wicket in first-class cricket.

By then, however, two more Oxford batsmen had caught the eye. Whitaker, Leicestershire's new captain, had made them a generous offer with his declaration at 145 for three

and, despite the early loss of Gurner, brilliantly caught in the gully by Pierson, the two left-handers, Sutcliffe and Ridley, accepted it with alacrity.

Sutcliffe, who happens to be a Leicestershire player, made 65, containing a six and seven fives, while Ridley, the Australian on a Bradman Scholarship, raged to 104 off 108 balls, hitting four sixes and eight fives and putting so much into one drive off Parsons that he took a chunk out of his bat.

SCOREBOARD FROM THE PARKS

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 299 for 4 over (9 F. Smith 72 not out, P. A. Nixon 100 not out, V. Wells 57)

Second Innings

"J. J. Whitaker b Maik 47
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 42
V. Wells c Ridley b Maik 33
D. L. Maik not out 24
G. J. Parsons not out 13
Extras (b) 11
Total (6 wickets dec) 225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-84, 3-109, BOWLING: Maik 11-1-56-1; du Preez 5-6-23-2; Maik 11-0-48-2; Wagh 4-0-18-0; Khan 1-0-5-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

"C. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 29
J. J. Whitaker c Wells b Parsons 17
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 16
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 15
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 14
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 13
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 12
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 11
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 10
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 9
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 8
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G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 5
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G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 3
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 2
G. M. Gurner c Pierson b Parsons 1
Extras (b) 11
Total (7 wickets) 212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-32, 3-17, 4-17, 5-22, 6-20, 7-22, 8-22, 9-22, 10-22, 11-22, 12-22, 13-22, 14-22, 15-22, 16-22, 17-22, 18-22, 19-22, 20-22, 21-22, 22-22, 23-22, 24-22, 25-22, 26-22, 27-22, 28-22, 29-22, 30-22, 31-22, 32-22, 33-22, 34-22, 35-22, 36-22, 37-22, 38-22, 39-22, 40-22, 41-22, 42-22, 43-22, 44-22, 45-22, 46-22, 47-22, 48-22, 49-22, 50-22

BOWLING: Maik 9-2-31-0; Mills 6-1-31-1; Parsons 10-2-43-1; Pierson 9-0-58-0; Gurner 2-0-20-0; Maddy 5-2-25-2

Umpires: A. G. T. Whitehead and N. G. Cowley

Injury robs Leicester of Liley in pursuit of leaders

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JOHN LILEY, the leading points-scorer in the Courage Clubs Championship first division, will miss Leicester's meeting with Sale at Welford Road tonight. The champions hope to draw level with Bath on points - if not on points difference - at the top of the table, but Liley gashed a knee against Bristol last weekend and has not recovered.

The full back should be fit to play at Twickenham on Sunday, when Leicester meet an International XV in the Sanyo Cup challenge match, but against Sale his place goes to Jez Harris. Nor will Rory Underwood be available. The England wing is committed to the RAF's inter-services championship this afternoon at Twickenham, so Andy McAdam plays instead.

This is the second of five games for Leicester, who missed a golden opportunity of making up ground on Bath by letting Bristol back into the match last Saturday. Now they play a Sale team still hopeful of a European qualifying place. Next there is Sunday's money-raising match, which is to benefit all first-division clubs, and a week today they play Gloucester before concluding their league season against Harlequins.

Bath, having played one more game, lead the table by two points, but more significantly, boast a points difference of 266 compared with Leicester's 192. Sale's squad of 19 includes David Rees, the wing picked for the under-21 international between England and France in Bath on Friday, and Mark Warr, who is due to play scrum half for Warwickshire in Saturday's CIS county championship final against Gloucestershire.

Newcastle have confirmed the arrival to their squad of the Bristol and England lock, Garath Archer, and West Hartlepool's England A centre, Andrew Blyth. They have also signed, on a two-year contract, Ross Neesdale, 27, of New Zealand, who has been the regular deputy at hooker for Sean Fitzpatrick in Auckland's team for the last five seasons.

Onus must switch to youth for Britain to progress

FROM NORMAN DE MESQUITA IN BENDROVON

NOW that all eight countries involved have played four games, pool B of the world ice hockey championship here has settled down and the likely outcome can be assessed.

Latvia deservedly lead the table with four wins, the most important of them being a 4-1 success over the previously unbeaten Belorussia in what will probably prove to have been the decider.

Great Britain can be satisfied with their fourth position after two wins and two defeats and were hoping to improve that record against Japan last night. Provided that Denmark are also beaten, as they should be, Britain's final game, against Belorussia on Saturday, could decide who takes third place.

The day off on Monday was spent on a gentle workout with attempts being made to recreate what Peter Woods, the coach, describes as "bad habits picked up in our domestic competition". At least the wins over Poland and Holland saw the penalty count fall dramatically and Switzerland and Belorussia are now below Britain in the race for the fair play cup.

With their new-found discipline, Great Britain took a match for most countries at this level, in spite of one or two of the older players having proved disappointing. Paul Dixon, 22, the Durham defenceman, has been one of the successes of the tournament and has been given more ice time and more responsibility as the competition has progressed. He has responded well.

In contrast, Doug McEwen and Shannon Hope, who have given yeoman service to Great Britain, have failed to impress and this must surely be their international swansong. Others who are nearing the end of the international road include Terry Kurtenbach and Kevin Conway.

There is no shortage of young talent in British ice hockey and it is time for a more forward-looking selection policy. Pool B is the appropriate level for the team and some regard must now be paid to the long-term future of Great Britain as an international ice hockey nation.

SHEEHAN ON BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The Reisinger is reckoned to be the toughest of the American National events. It uses "point-a-board" scoring - on each hand a team gets 2 or 1 or 0 points according to whether it wins, ties or loses the board. East found an excellent defence on this hand from the 1995 event.

Dealer South Game all

♠ 932
♥ KJ3
♦ A10854
♣ A108765

♠ QJ10976
♥ A842
♦ A1042
♣ QJ7

♠ KJ108765
♥ K
♦ 987
♣ K6

S W N E
Pass 4S All Pass

Contract: Four Spades by South Lead: Queen of hearts

North's raise to Four Spades was sound, because even if it did not make, it might gain if East-West had a heart contract.

When the king of hearts fell under East's ace, East could see the danger of the club suit. It seemed to him that the best chance was to find West with a trump trick, so at trick two, East switched to the two of diamonds. Now when West got in with the ace of spades, he continued diamonds, and the defence took two tricks in that suit to beat the contract. Notice that if East continues with the queen of spades at trick two, West has to switch to a diamond to give the defence any chance, but declarer is home if he guesses correctly. It was a brave play to make. Other possibilities were a low club, playing South for

KEENE ON CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Blindfold chess

At the Melody Amber tournament in Monaco which consists of a mixture of blindfold and speed games the lead is held after eight rounds by the young Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik with the fine score of 7½ points. The two contenders for the Fide (World Chess Federation) world championship match set for Baghdad in June, Karpov and Kasparov are both languishing in midfield.

Here the latter succumbs in a complicated game of fluctuating fortunes to the Ukrainian grandmaster, Vasily Ivanchuk. In this game, both players had to make their moves without being able to see the board or pieces.

White: Gata Kasparov
Black: Vasily Ivanchuk
Melody Amber, Monaco, April 1996

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Bb5 a6
4 Bc4 Nf6
5 O-O Be7
6 Bc6 d6
7 d3 Qc6
8 Nd2 Be5
9 a3 a5
10 b3 Nd7
11 Ng5 O-O
12 Bc2 B6
13 Nc1 Qa6
14 Kh1 Cff7
15 Ch5 h6
16 Qg4
17 h4 cxd4
18 Rd4 Ng6
19 Rf5 Qc6
20 Ral Bc4
21 Bxd4

Diagram of final position

After 46 Kc4-Qd1+ the white queen is lost.

Man v Machine update

In the Aegon Man v Machine tournament in The Hague, Holland, London grandmaster Jon Speelman has drawn with the Quest computer. Grandmasters Yasser Seirawan and John van der Wiel both have 4/4.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HARDTAIL
a. A US Army Pioneer
b. A bird
c. A mule

NIBUNG
a. A subterranean dwarf
b. A palm
c. A bribe or sweetener

KEATING
a. An insect powder
b. A forgery
c. Sailing across wind

LORAN
a. A Rhine maiden
b. A Swiss Canton
c. A navigational system

Answers on page 46.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine - Zubeareff, Moscow 1916. White has a strong attack but would appear to be hindered by the mate threat against h2. How did he prove that this was only an apparent distraction?

Solution on page 46

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

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Optical illusion highlighted by Premiership leaders' change of strip Colour code taxes United's grey matter

I have long sneered at golf, asking how it can be considered a sport when its players wear pink polyester trousers. But the argument is losing its force as football players are now almost as badly turned out as golfers.

Matters came to a head on Saturday with the great Manchester United away-kit drama. Having worn just about every colour in the spectrum over the past half-dozen seasons — black with a yellow trim, yellow-and-green squares, and blue and white — they came up with a real wow.

Grey. Dead sexy, eh? The John Major strip. It was designed not for football but to look cool with jeans. And the footballers hated it. Desperate times require desperate measures. Three goals down at half-time on Saturday, they changed shirts, back to the old blue-and-white job. They still lost, but at least they knew who to blame.



SIMON BARNES

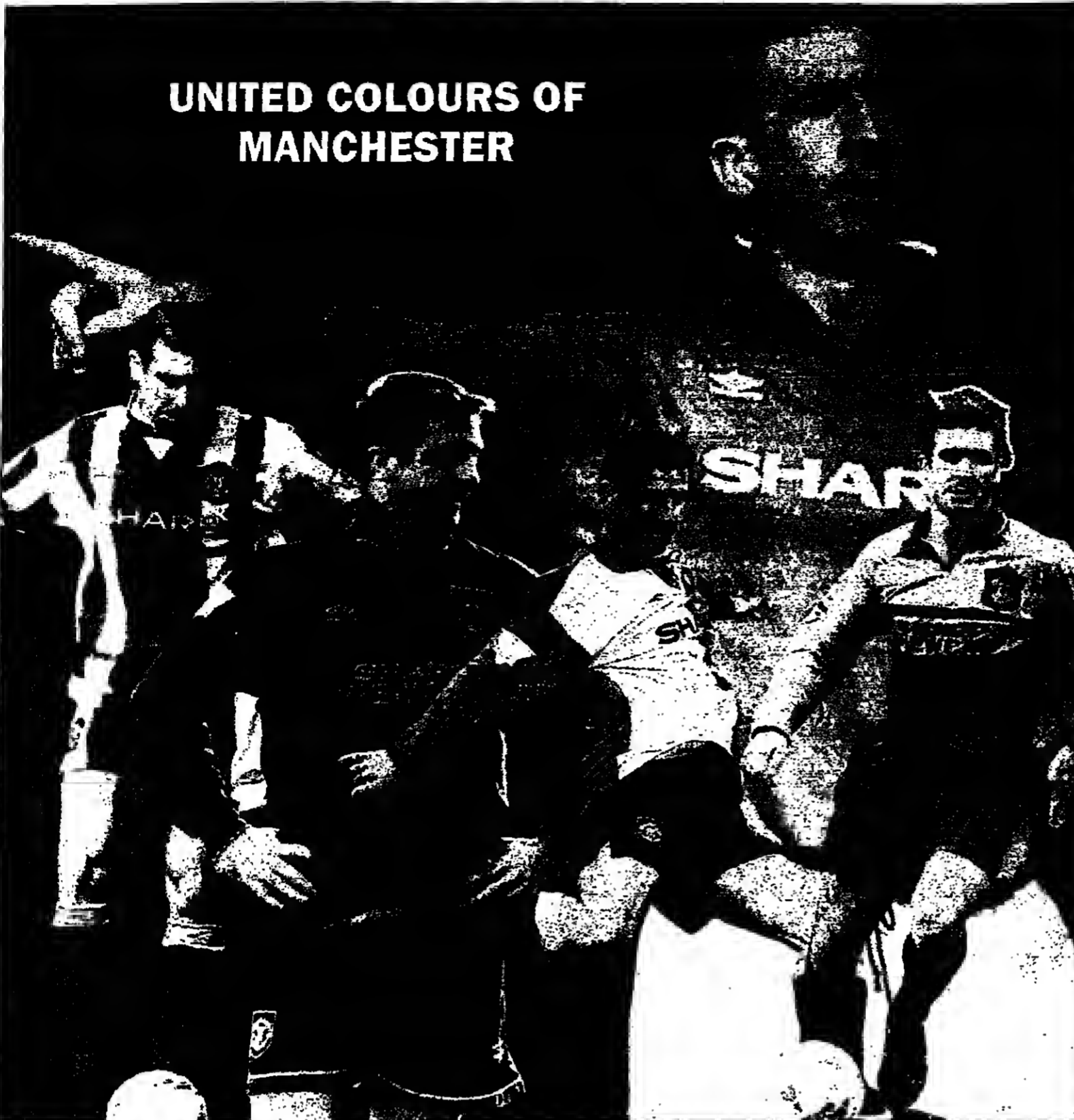
Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had approved the change, in response to Lord-knows-what piteous agonies in the dressing-room. And he, quixotically, attempted to defend the change on purely rational grounds. "You can't pick people out at a distance. Players just blend into the crowd."

The argument falls down when you reflect that Manchester United's huge marketing operation aims to sell replica Manchester United shirts to everyone in the whole world. A match at Old Trafford is played by men in red shirts against a background of 50,000 people, all in red shirts.

If you were to choose a colour purely for its optical benefits, there would be only one choice — white. If I may put on my safari hat (green) for the next couple of paragraphs, I will explain why.

Because of the arrangement of rods and cones in the eye, your peripheral vision is particularly good at picking out movement, less good at seeing colour. Most of our fellow mammals lack colour vision altogether, but they are very sharp indeed at picking up faint movement.

Watch an antelope or a rabbit run away from you. What do you see? A flashing



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white bum. White is the danger signal and it is chosen because it is the easiest to pick up, especially at the edge of your vision. Moral: when you go on safari with me, don't wear white. The game will spot us a mile off.

The same rule holds good for football. If you want to be aware of flying colleagues on the edge of your vision, to hear what commentators call "great awareness", remember, that the whiter they are, the easier they are to spot.

Now the obvious conclusion to draw from all this is that Leeds United are the finest passing side in the FA Carling Premiership, so we are forced to the conclusion that there are

other considerations. Red is far and away the most popular colour for a football shirt and United, on the toss of a coin, have won the right to wear it against Liverpool in the FA Cup Final. It is chosen for psychological rather than physiological reasons: its association with aggression, pomp, triumph and blood.

The traditional football shirt was designed to give an advantage to its wearer; the present shirts are designed to give an advantage to their seller. Footballing considerations are remote from the minds of strip-designers. You can't even read the numbers at Newcastle or Southampton.

Clothes are part of what a

person is; that counts double for all uniforms. In rugby, both codes, players want to give an impression of overwhelming bulk. You would therefore expect rugby players to favour horizontal stripes, to emphasise massive chests and shoulders — an elementary optical illusion — and that is why rugby players wear hooped shirts.

In football, bulk is not as important as height. Vertical stripes make you look taller. Footballers mainly prefer stripes to hoops. Les Ferdinand, bearing down in the black-and-white stripes, looked like a rampaging giant.

All this is very rational, but what has rationality got to do with it? In sport, what matters is not whether a thing is true, but whether it is believed. Manchester United players believe their grey strip is unlucky and the belief has become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Their Premiership record in the ghastly grey this season is four losses and a draw in five games — the grey strip has cost them 14 points.

When I played for the mighty Gwai-long team in Hong Kong, we always wore all white because white is the Chinese funeral colour. Opponents hated it. Worth a goal start, it was.

Manchester United and Umbro for ripping off the supporters. Agreed, it is all highly distasteful, but hear a plain fact: it is not compulsory to buy a Manchester United shirt. Good old United are bringing out not one, not two, but three new strips next season. There will be a new red strip for home games, the blue-and-white will be phased out halfway through, and now the John Major strip will be replaced by a white one.

Good move. Chinese sides will have no chance against them, the supporters will still look cool in jeans and players will have phenomenal awareness. Don't wear the damn things on safari, that's all.

Coward's eye view of life

Noël Coward — From His Diaries. Radio 4, 8.05pm.
Among Simon Cadell's bequests to us are happy memories of his beleaguered holiday camp entertainments manager in *Hi-De-Hi!*. I remember him best, however, for his polished work in Coward plays. He was vocally non-imitative of the master, concentrating instead on his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Coward will can be heard in this series of readings from his diaries, introduced by Tony Steaveac. The first generous helping includes Coward's thoughts on the Princess Margaret's wedding (the Queen smiled a good deal), the West's wartime alliance with the Soviet Union (we are going to have a hell of a time with them) and the universal decay of values (there are no standards left but in the *Ewening Standard*).

Voices: Thomas Quasthoff. Radio 3, 10.15pm.
A couple of weeks ago, thanks to Radio 3, we were memorably reminded why, in January, a Wigmore Hall audience clapped their hands sore and cheered themselves hoarse, and why the more discerning critics ran out of superlatives. What united audience and critics was the Wigmore Hall debut of Thomas Quasthoff, the German baritone. Tonight's recording is of the recital's second half: songs by Wolf and Richard Strauss. Charles Spencer accompanied songs by Wolf and Richard Strauss. The reason we hear only about 25 minutes of actual song is that the rest of the time is taken up by ovation.
Peter Davalle

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<p>FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wales Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.50pm Debbie Thresher 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.00 John Dunn 7.00 Jon Lloyd (S4) 8.30 Leaders Tapes (A4) 9.00 Cajun Clubhouse (S4) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden. incl Pause for Thought 3.00 Alan Lester</p>	<p>4.00am Mark Griffin 6.00 Mike Road 8.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susanrahe Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 James Cook 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Gardening Forum (A) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Moppin 1.00am Mel Cooper</p>
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<p>6.30pm The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chesham 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Desley 7.00 Spn 10.00 James Whispe 1.00 Ian Collins</p>	<p>6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor Byrd (Mass for Four Voices); Defuss (Cello Concerto-Vivaldi (Violin Solo)); Concerto in G, Op 7 No 6; Liszt) Prelude and Fugue on Bach); Sibelius (Spring Flies Fast, Op 13 No 4; The First Step, Op 26 No 1); Gershwin (Second Rhapsody) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young Chopin (Polonaises, Op posth; in G minor and B flat, 1817); Vaughan Williams (Mass in G minor); Walton (Viola Concerto) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Presented by Peter Burton-Page Artist of the Week: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Grace Williams (Fantasia on Welsh Nursery Tunes) 10.12 Charpentier (Médée, Act 3); Shostakovich (Scherzo, Op 11); Haydn (Piano Sonata in C, H XVIII 48); Prokofiev (Dreams); Smetana (Soprana for flute and harp); Shostakovich (Scherzo, Op 7); Debuss (Suzanne) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy. Includes excerpts from Pélleas et Mélisande starring George Shirley, tenor, and Elisabeth Söderström, soprano 1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, live from Studio One, Pebble Mill, Mayumi Sailer, violin, and Caroline Palmer, piano, Britten (Suzanne, Op 8); Beethoven Violin Sonata in G Op 96) 2.00 Schools Together 2.20 Time and Tune 2.40 Drama Workshop 3.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Includes: James Hartup (Praeludium for small orchestra); Adam Skelving (Viola da gamba); Coleclough-Taylor (Suite, Op 40) 4.00 Choral Evening, from the Chapel of Stair College in Leeds 5.00 The Music Machine, with Janice Forsyth 5.15 In Tune, Duparc (Au pays ouz ouz) and Debussy (Jeune fille en fleur); Haydn (Violin Trio in B flat, Op 50) 6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall in London. The Gould Piano Trio with Philip Dukes, viola, and Robert White, bass, with the Beethoven (Variations on Ich bin der Schneider Kadadui); Schubert (Piano Quintet in A, D 667) 7.00 Cocktails. The third of five sequences of dance music from 1920-1945 (A) 7.30 Pages from a Notebook. A selection of pieces from Bach's family music album 7.45 Aida and Galatas, by Handel. Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London. Barbara Bonney, soprano, Hans Peter Blochwitz, tenor, Rufus Muller, tenor, and Jeremy White, bass, with the Choir and Orchestra of the English Concert under Trevor Pinnock 8.25 An English Evening 8.55 Part 2 9.55 Emotion Pictures, by Wim Wenders (3/5) 10.15 Voices. See Choice 10.45 Night Waves, with Richard Collin 11.30 Composer of the Week: Georg Muffat (A) 12.30-1.00am Jazz Notes with Digby Fairweather</p>

THE

DARREN HALL

DARREN HALL trying to follow England's bronze in the team event with another medal in the men's singles, overcame flu, some controversial officiating and the most dangerous floater in the draw to reach the second round of the European badminton championships here in Herning, Denmark, yesterday (Richard Eaton writes).

The former European champion, from Essex, who is the No 3 seed in the event, beat Poutus Jantti, the world No 30 from Finland, 15-12, 15-8, but he needed to see the doctor as soon as the contest was over.

"I woke up with a sore throat, feeling giddy and seeing black stars. I was very worried," Hall said. He found himself 12-6 down in the first game and was struggling when an incident in which he appeared to be wrongly penalised for touching the net with his racket paradoxically worked in his favour. His angry protest earned him a warning from the umpire, but it also acted as extra motivation. "The adrenalin came into my system and I felt better after that," he said.

Anne Gibson, the first Scot to be seeded in the European women's singles, withdrew with a knee injury.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

HARDTAIL (C) American Wild West slang for a mule. "Hardtails are mules, usually old ones. So named because they show little response to the skinner's whip. Young mules are shavetails."

NIBUNG (B) A Malaysian palm, *Oncosperma filamentosa*. "We made very good curries stewing it with the heart of a nibung or cabbage tree."

KEATING (A) The proprietary name of an insect powder. An eponym of Thomas Keating, the 19th-century chemist who invented the stuff to make cockroaches turn over and point their legs at the sky. "I am in England, I shall sleep in a clean white bed, and I shall not have to use Keating."

LORAN (C) A hyperbolic navigation system employing the difference in the times of arrival of pulsed radio signals from different stations. An acronym made from initials letters of long-range navigation. "Get a Loran fix." Peter Spence had his face glued into the rubber eyepiece of the Loran. He counted the jumping electric lines and the long-number blips. He then transferred his eyes to the Loran map."

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perhaps because, in the usual uncooperative manner of Greek statues, some of them were facing the wrong way... Yesterday afternoon The Lowdown (BBC1) concerned a young would-be magician called Keelan Leyser...

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

reply. "Oh, you know, well enough." Perhaps I was misled by the title of The Works, but in this first of a new series of arts-y documentaries, the story concerned a dangerously flawed office block in Manhattan - Citicorp - and it seemed quite crucial to ascertain, you know, why it was in danger of falling down. Especially if, when it fell, it was predicted to initiate a domino effect, knocking down skyscrapers all the way to Central Park...

lifetime." This was a surprise not only for its selfish logic, but because the poor bloke looked 70 if he was a day. As if determined not to tip over in a wind itself. All Fall Down was a rather stolid documentary. Just as the physics were missing, so was drama, which was odd. I mean, for heaven's sake, these men were faced at one point with the decision to "own up" and evacuate an enormous area in the most famous city in the world...

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8.00 Hearts of Gold... Esther Rantzen and Carol Smilie return with the show that pays tribute to acts of courage and kindness by unsung heroes. Today Lord King and Sue Cook help to perform the Commonwealth Games which have the unsuspecting winners to the studio to collect their awards. (Coastal) (s) (859543)
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9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Coastal) regional news and weather (2814)
9.30 Madson with Ian McShane (Coastal) (s) (233658)
10.20 Sport Tonight... Introduced by Tony Gibbs, with Trevor Brookling. Football highlights of Manchester United v Leeds United at Old Trafford and Newcastle United at home to Southampton. Snooker: a profile of John Higgins who is seeking revenge behind fellow Scot, Stephen Hendy to take this year's World Championship (s) (5210882)
11.40 FILM: Flashback (1993) with Kiefer Sutherland and Dennis Hopper. A young FBI agent forms a bond with a 1960s radical he is assigned to escort across California to jail. During the journey the captive regales his fellow traveller with stories of the Swinging Sixties. Directed by Franco Armani (Coastal) (s) (645833)
1.25am Weather (7621505)
VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes
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- 6.00am Open University: Maths (7006930) 6.25 Light in Search of a Model (7029785) 6.50 Handel's Messiah (952037)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4689830)
7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Coastal) (34036)
8.00 The Lowdown (r) (Coastal) (s) (1202036) 8.25 Wishing (r) (s) (1226302)
8.40 The Record (8429017)
9.05 Daytime on Two... Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (753291)
2.00 Wishing (r) (13799140)
2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5070272)
3.00 News (Coastal) and weather (7636630)
3.05 Westminster (7626765) 3.55 News (Coastal) (2863104)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (807)
4.30 Reedy, Steady, Cook (s) (901)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Night Terrors. Guests have suffered horrific dreams. (Coastal) (s) (1938681)
5.40 A Week to Remember (tvM) (894272)
5.50 More Secret Gardens: Around Grotto Road, Twickenham. This patch of garden is the size of a double garage and was designed with advancing age and arthritis in mind (120843)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Coastal) (s) (781475)
6.45 Hugh Rogers in the 25th Century: Flight of the War Witch (r) (829494)
7.30 East: The Hidden Troubles. (Coastal) (s) (603)
8.00 University Challenge: Selwyn College, Cambridge vs the London School of Economics in the first semi-final. (Coastal) (s) (4681)
8.30 Home Front. Ten top tips to help seal your house, the cornicob of wrought iron in the bedroom and Linda Barker's Finishing Touch (Coastal) (s) (9746)
9.00 Modern Times: Ellen's in Exile. About an alleged victim of child abuse. (Coastal) (s) (8727)
10.00 Stepfear and Son. Classic comedy (r) (Coastal) (72011)
10.30 Newsnight. With Peter Snow (Coastal) (689611)
11.15 Morden On. Chapter Seven. A high-profile court case viewed from inside and outside the courtroom (r) (Coastal) (s) (674862)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil (s) (61654)
12.30am Open University: Duoco - The Rucellai Madonna (47585) 1.00am Running the Country: Global Media (94854) 2.00am Night School: Modern Languages: German: Collector (48983) 4.00 85C Focus: Benefits Agency Today (8505) 4.30 Disability Today (85429) 5.00am Voluntary Sector Television (58079)

- 6.00am GMTV (6205056)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (Teletext) (7916901)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6730340)
10.00 The Time... the Place (s) (2343833)
10.35 This Morning (44143833)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (8767368)
12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (3686630)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (2601948) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (827291) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (54530456)
2.25 Chain Letters. Word game. (Teletext) (s) 2.50 Vanessa. (Teletext) (s) (4888765)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7643920)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7642291)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (8788475) 3.40 Wizard (r) (s) (7503746) 3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being (7926200) 4.00 Garfield and Friends (7765307) 4.20 How... (r) (s) (6491901) 4.40 Splitland (Teletext) (523975)
5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6922942)
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (902578)
8.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (920)
8.25 HTV News with Bruce Hockin and Sue King. (Teletext) (422494)

- As HTV West except:
6.25pm-6.50 Wales Tonight (422494)
WESTCOUNTRY
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12.55 Coronation Street (3601949)
1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (79027185)
1.55 Home and Away (68127340)
2.25 Vanessa (54533543)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6767320)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6922942)
6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (762523)
CENTRAL
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12.55 Home and Away (3601949)
1.25 Chain Letters (79027185)
1.55 A Country Practice (44422369)
2.50 Vanessa (54534272)
2.50-3.20 Our House (4888765)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6922942)
6.25-6.50 Central News and Weather (422494)
12.15am The Making of Broken Arrow (1995)
12.45 Bushell on the Box (8115654)
2.15 Dear Nick (7708070)
3.10 In Focus (5027705)
3.55 Jobfinder (1068963)

- 6.35am Fifteen to One (r). (Teletext) (s) (8576982)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (32653)
8.00 The Golden Girls. Dorothy sends her mother to a retirement home. Starring Bea Arthur and Estelle Getty (r). (Teletext) (s) (88114)
9.30 FILM: Boy Meets Girl (1938, tvM). A comedy starring James Cagney and Pat O'Brien. Lloyd Bacon directs (33253)
11.00 Tears of the Dragon. The first of a three-part examination of the pressures on China's environment after Mao's reforms (r). (Teletext) (62104)
12.00 House to House (31938)
12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (18104) 1.30 Madeline (r) (s) (68140291)
1.55 Jimmy's (r). (Teletext) (s) (6812582)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15 races (4438808)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (868)
5.00 Ricki Lake. Topical discussion series. (Teletext) (s) (617331)
5.45 Terrytoons with Deputy Dawg (822291)
6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (336123)
6.25 Home Improvement. American comedy series about the host of a television do-it-yourself show. (Teletext) (s) (318184)
6.55 Miran Buchstansangur (174630)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (868611)
7.55 The Slot (931272)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5307)



All girls together (6.50pm)

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9.30 Mr Bean Returns Again. Rowan Atkinson's comic creation (r) (s) (16543)
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10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (805369)
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11.40 Champions League Highlights (510497)
12.15am God's Gift. For male posers and female voyeurs (898437)
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2.15 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (8928588)
2.40 ITV Sport Classics (6528215)
3.10 Murder, She Wrote: Murder Takes the Bus starring Angela Lansbury and Gerrit Ron (s) (5001760)
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Modern Times: Ellen's in Exile
BBC2, 9.00pm
Six years ago Stephen Lambert made the sort of documentary which you do not easily forget. Called Hillary's in Hiding, it charted a bitter custody battle over a young American girl. Her mother, a plastic surgeon, accused her father, a dentist, of molesting the child and raping her. Hillary is now called Ellen and Lambert's new film brings the painful story up to date. Frustrated by the American courts, Ellen's mother sent her to New Zealand to escape the father's clutches. He has always maintained his innocence and continues to fight the case step by step. Now Hillary, taken by her mother, has a legal position in the United States is uncertain. She is adamant that she does not want to see her father. The case has gone as far as Congress, where a Bill is being discussed that would allow Ellen to come home on her own terms.

UK LIVING
8.00 Wednesday Review (909730) 8.00 Sun of the Beach (907491) 8.00 The 1996 Year's End Special (907233) 11.00 Tommy Vance is the Nightly (636969) 1.00am The 1996 Year's End Special (907491)
CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6pm to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable, including ZeeTV Nile Dance Ranch
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7.00pm Jeagran (488028) 7.30 Zone Presents... (8707869) 8.00 Bengali Serial (911838) 8.30 Zone (878146) 9.00 The Hit (94144) (8512778) 10.00 World Music (6898272) 11.00 Mural (880989) 11.30 Urdu Movie (1084253) 2.30pm Zone (91555) 3.30 Fun Dome (905616) 4.30 Zone Presents... (852552) 5.00 Zone Zone (944791) 6.30 Fun Dome (905616) 8.00 Zone (91555) 8.30 Zone (905616) 9.00 Zone (91555) 9.30 Zone (905616) 10.00 Zone (91555) 10.30 Zone (905616) 11.00 Zone (91555)
CARTOON NETWORK/NTI
Cartoonish cartoons from 6pm to 7pm, with TNT hours as below
7.00pm The Courage of Lassie (1848) (1011297) 8.00 Mrs Scott (1884) (804545) 9.00 The Bull Terrier (1884) (851472) 12.55am The First of New Year (1943) (822078) 3.00-5.00 The Courage of Lassie (1948) (4785470)

For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday
SKY ONE
7.00am Under (88829) 8.00 Pass Your Luck (94950) 9.00 The 1996 Year's End Special (907491) 10.00 Jeopardy! (200600) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (911852) 12.00 News (91555) 3.30pm Countdown (94950) 4.15 The Oprah Winfrey Show (678078) 4.45 Under (88829) 5.00 The Simpsons (877123) 6.30 Jeopardy! (200600) 7.00 LAPD (90950) 7.30 M*A*S*H (90950) 8.00 Sports: Above and Beyond (12756) 8.30 The 1996 Year's End Special (907491) 9.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (794123) 10.00 The Mole (877123) 12.00am The 1996 Year's End Special (907491) 1.00 The Mole (877123) 2.00 Hit Mix Long Play (34949)
SKY NEWS
News on the hour, 9.00am Sky News Destinations (2507) 10.30 ABC Nightline (33749) 11.00am Sky News (2507) 2.30am Parliament Live (9475) 3.55am Parliament Live (9475) Live at Five (87123) 8.00am Tonight with Adam Boulton (9475) 7.30am Sports: Above and Beyond (12756) 8.30am The Simpsons (877123) 9.00am News Tonight (18188) 10.00am Tonight with Adam Boulton (9475) 11.00am News Tonight (18188) 11.30am News Tonight (18188) 12.30am News Tonight (18188)
SKY MOVIES
6.00am Saviour Interlude (181) (7638) 8.00 The Fate That Saved Pittsburgh (1979) (4949) 10.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) (6852) 12.00am The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 1.00 Long Live Mr. T (1989) (6272) (83407) 2.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 3.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 4.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 5.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 6.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 7.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 8.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 9.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 10.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 11.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407) 12.00 The Beverly Hills Cop (1989) (6272) (83407)

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SPORT

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 1996

RACING 45

THRILLING DAY, RAISES STAKES AT NEWMARKET

Three new faces in England squad

Venables makes alternative arrangements

By Rob Hughes, Football Correspondent

ONE man's injury is another's opportunity... Venables also witnessed the return of Darren Anderton...

Of Campbell, whose pace and versatility matched Ian Wright until late in the game...

whether there is an ounce of residual fear in the player... And, if it seemed curious that Blackburn should report yesterday that Shearer intends to play against Wimbledon tonight...

SQUAD

- G Seaman (Aston Villa), T Flowers (Blackburn Rovers), I Walker (Tottenham Hotspur), G Neville (Manchester United), R Jones (Liverpool), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), M Wright (Liverpool), U Ehiogu (Aston Villa), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), P Neville (Manchester United), R Lee (Newcastle United), P Ince (Nottingham Forest), G Cosgrove (Rangers), D Platt (Aston Villa), D Wicks (Aston Villa), J Redinger (Liverpool), J Wilcox (Blackburn Rovers), G Stone (Nottingham Forest), T Sinclair (Coventry City), J McGovern (Aston Villa), E Sheeran (Tottenham Hotspur), R Foster (Liverpool), M Sammy (Middlesbrough), L Ferdinand (Newcastle United), P Boardley (Newcastle United), S McKinnaman (Liverpool).

as possible, hoping that his injury record will not rebound under new stress... For a whole year, Wilcox has looked on in frustration as Blackburn Rovers have lost their balance without his contribution on the left...



Cerón and Sobanska add a spring to their step yesterday as they prepare for the marathon. Photograph: Robin Mayes

Figa stays behind as Sobanska defends her title

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

SOME get to compete in the Flora London Marathon, others get no further than training for it... Figa the dachshund has been running 45 miles a week in preparation for the race on Sunday...

Sobanska trains twice a day and, on the second run, the easy one her pet goes with her... When Sobanska won last year, it took her national federation and parents by surprise...

Title race approaches extra time

By Peter Ball

THE FA Carling Premiership title last year was not decided until the last day of the season... With the finishing post looming into view, Manchester United and Newcastle United take the latest fences tonight...

ing Hungary on May 18 and departing for their Far East tour two days later... "I don't think it's fair to pile everything on one extra game after a 38-game season..."

question of "if not [Eric] Cantona, then who?" Leeds's form should provide Ferguson's team with the opportunity to give themselves a significant advantage...

Premiership Southampton have only won one away game and Newcastle have lost at home only once all season... With Coventry City, who occupy the third relegation place...

Crossword puzzle titled 'TIMES TWO CROSSWORD' with a grid and numbered squares.

No 758 SOLUTION TO NO 757... SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 753... 1st PRIZE of a return ticket travelling economy class to anywhere on BRITISH MIDLANDS domestic or international network is D Hurley, Bournemouth.

Lions' tour comes under threat

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE future of rugby union's five nations' championship hangs in the balance... The RFU understands that the five nations' committee are considering the five nations' format for the future...

assumptions to England's stance. One is that they will continue to dominate the championship and the other that their significance within the championship is greater than any other country's...

the title, as has happened in the cricket county championship, would not yield an entrant for the European Cup... "I don't think it will come to that..."

dictability, to which Ireland, Scotland or Wales contribute... What England may justifiably try to sell for themselves is competitions in which their clubs are involved...

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The implicit threat is that they will refuse to play England in the foreseeable future... The other member unions of the committee will now be requested to consider the future format of the five nations' championship...

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